

The School of Cross Fire 🔥 Evangelism

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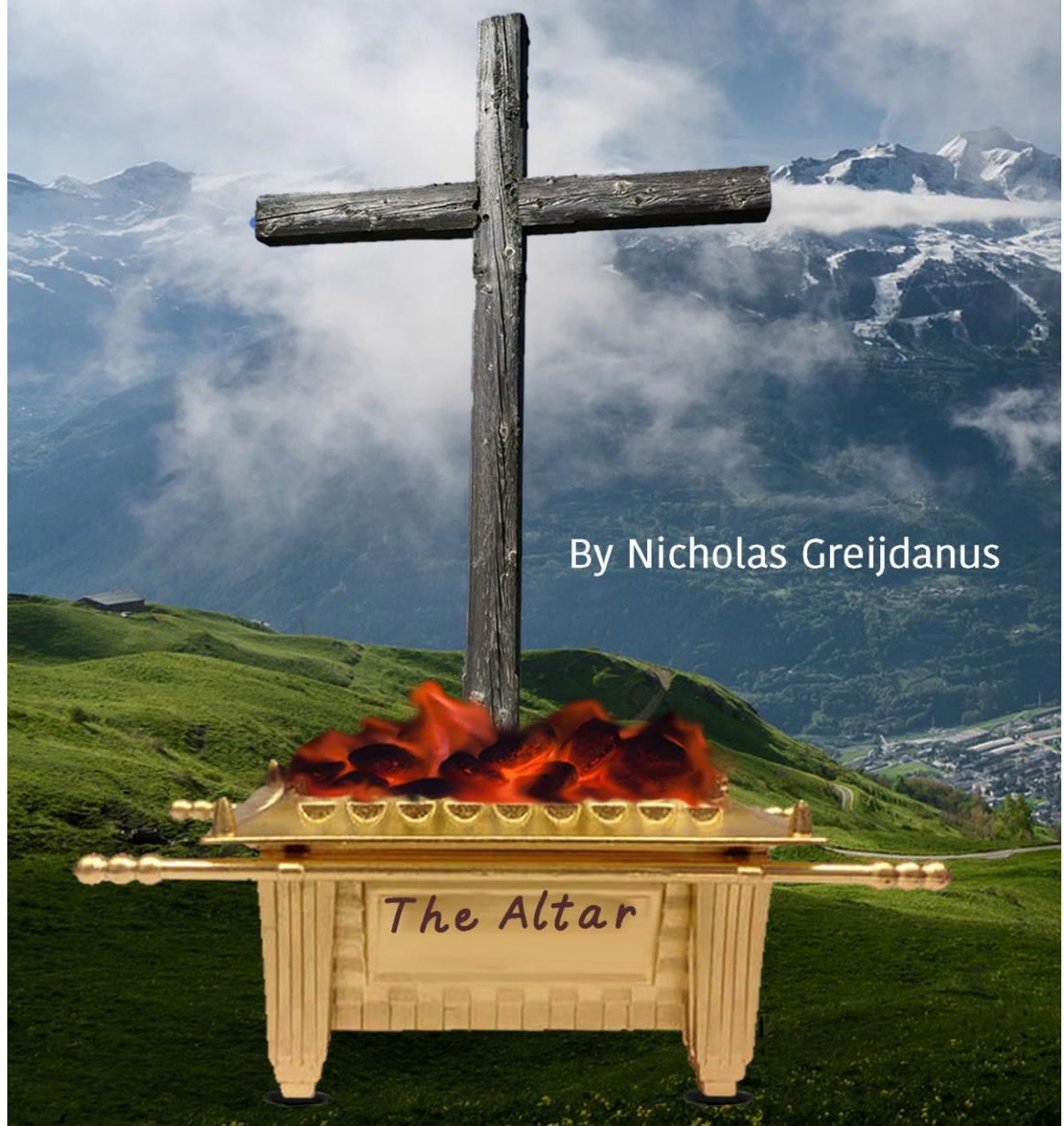
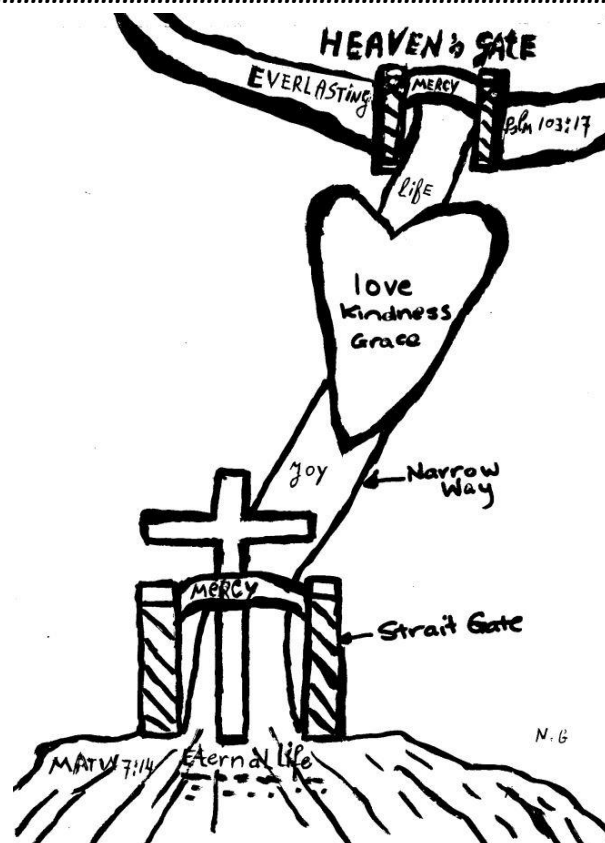


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Chapter 1: The Evangelistic Message to Restore Fellowship with God

About the Cross Fire Evangelism School

Our God is holy.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

In these Last Days, God is going to bring about evangelism through the Spirit of the fear of the Lord and many will be saved.

- ❖ To understand this, we need to learn about the importance of redemption.
- ❖ The understanding of redemption is needed to bring forth much fruit; redemption is the missing link in today's church.

Today, much of the evangelism is being accomplished to please man and has brought forth weak converts and few disciples.

- ❖ Understanding redemption and preaching the power of the blood shed on the cross will bring in a great harvest.

Out of this understanding that Christ is our Redeemer, the power of the message of the cross and the fire of the Holy Spirit will raise strong disciples.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

- ❖ You can be saved because Christ is our redeemer and has brought redemption.
- ❖ We are not redeemed because we are saved.
- ❖ We are saved because we are redeemed.

Redemption is the whole package, and it has 9 components; salvation and faith are two of them.

In Chapter 5, we talk about redemption and show you the 9 words that come out of redemption.

This school is to bring back the fear of God into the message of the cross and daily repentance to see strong conversions and strong disciples to arise.

Fellowship with God

True hallmarks of faith in Christ are eternal life and fellowship.

1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

The purpose of true evangelism lies in bringing sinners to the understanding that because of their sin and sinful nature, they are separated from God.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

- ❖ However, God has sent Christ to die on the cross and raised Him back to life to restore us to a relationship with God so we receive eternal life, and have peace and fellowship with God.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The Evangelistic Mission

- ❖ As witnesses and evangelists, our job is to help people to come into a relationship with God whereby they receive eternal life and are in fellowship and communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ came to restore:

1. Eternal life

2. Fellowship

Romans 1 says that the gospel or evangelistic message is the power of God.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

There are cultures wherein they live in great spiritual darkness and have fellowship with demons.

Evangelism is here to turn people from darkness and fellowship with demons into God's light.

The redeeming blood of Christ delivers sinners out of the kingdom of darkness and, as they repent and believe, they are born into the kingdom of God.

(Col 1:13, 14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Therefore, this is the mission of evangelists to restore sinners to fellowship with the God of the Bible.

How Art Thou Fallen

Lucifer, who is a created being, was the worship leader in heaven, yet he became proud and wanted to lift his throne above El Elohim or God the Creator.

Isa 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Therefore, God stripped Lucifer of his heavenly authority and expelled him down to Earth's realm.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Lucifer means a light bearer who has now fallen.

In his fallen state, he is called Satan, which means opposer.

We see in Satan:

- Pride
- Self-idolatry

Fellowship with God in the Garden of Eden

El Elohim, or God the creator, created the Earth in 7 days.

The crown of creation was Adam and Eve.

God gave them dominion over the Earth.

Psa 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

Fellowship with God

- ❖ Adam and Eve were sinless and had fellowship or communion with God in the garden.

Yes, they were spiritually alive.

The Lord put a tree of life in the garden as well as a tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Tree of Life

They could eat of the tree of life, for they were in spiritual fellowship with God.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Tree of Knowledge

Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they were not to eat.

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

If they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would spiritually die.

This spiritual death meant no more fellowship or communion with God.

The Lost Fellowship with God

Satan, who was proud and a self-idolater, was also on Earth and wanted men to rebel against God so men would worship him, which was his old trick.

He would use his vessel of pride and disobedience or rebellion and spray it in Eve and Adam's eyes through the snake.

So he spoke through the snake to Eve.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

So, the woman came under the pride and the lie, yet Adam and Eve should have used their dominion against Satan's voice.

Yet they chose to be disobedient.

They ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and spiritually died, therefore losing fellowship and communion with God.

Gen 3:6-7 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

The snake was used by Satan, and throughout history, the snake or dragon has become one of the main idols of idolatry.

God also sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden so that man could not eat any more of the tree of life.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Jesus Came to Bring Life and Restore Fellowship

When Jesus Christ started to minister in Israel, He said, repent, for the Kingdom of God has come near you.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

- ❖ **Later, He explained that the kingdom of God has come near in a deeper way and said that He is sent by God to give them eternal life and, therefore, restore fellowship between God and man.**

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Adam and Eve lost eternal life for mankind; Jesus Christ came to restore eternal life.

Jesus Christ calls himself the bread of life.

He says, by believing in Him and partaking in the Holy Communion, of eating the bread of life and being washed by drinking the communion wine, as, by the washing of sin, you shall be eternally saved.

Joh 6:51,53 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (53) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

He said, by believing in Him as the Saviour of the world, sent by God the Father, you will live eternally and have fellowship with God.

God's plan of redemption is:

1. Eternal life
2. Fellowship

Christ Lifted up as the Serpent

Our Lord Jesus Christ preached the message of the cross in a hidden way so that the mystery of the cross was not yet fully revealed, so that Satan could not understand it.

1Co 2:7-8 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: (8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Christ said, as the serpent in the wilderness was lifted, so Christ must be lifted.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so, must the Son of man be lifted up:

Jesus Christ was saying that He had to become sin for us to take away our sin and destroy the work of the fallen nature which is like a snake.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

❖ Everyone that would believe in Him as the redeeming blood sacrifice will have eternal life.

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

❖ The blood of Christ is also the power over the idolatry of the snake and Satan's power.

Serpents and Idolatry in Israel

When the people of Israel went through the wilderness, God performed many mighty signs, wonders and miracles.

He led them through the red sea and defeated the Pharaoh and the Egyptian army.

He gave them the bread of heaven to eat called Manna.

Yet Israel sinned all along the way and angered God so that God sent fiery serpents.

1Co 10:7-11 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. (8) Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. (9) Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. (10) Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. (11) Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Yet God was also compassionate to Israel.

God told Moses to make a brazen serpent and put it on a pole and everybody that looked on them was healed.

Num 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Israel makes an Idol of the Serpent and Reformation

Under the Kings of Israel, the nation went back and forward under idolatry and the worship of altars in the groves, which are hills with trees on it and altars to evil spirits and their idols.

Israel then also made an idol of the brazen snake that God gave as a sign of healing.

God was the healer and wanted worship.

- ❖ Now Satan took their brazen snake and made Israel worship him through the medium of the snake.

- ❖ We see snake worship in many nations and different religions.

I have seen big snake statues of false worship in India.

Today, Kabbalah, a religion in Israel, is using Hollywood to promote the idolatry of the snake, through porn and filthy movies to be worshipped in our daily lives.

In Israel, God then raised King Hezekiah as a reformer.

He removed the high places and the groves.

He broke the brazen serpent that Moses had made, which the Kings of Israel had copied and made an idol of, into pieces and therefore stopped the idolatry of snake and satanic worship.

2Ki 18:4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross and defeated Satan, therefore, also the spirit of idolatry.

Apostle John says, for this purpose, the Son of God was manifest, that He might destroy the work of darkness and therefore release eternal life to us.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Johnny Ramirez's Idolatry and Conversion

Johnny was into the false religion of Santa Marina.

Santa Marina is an idol in the Caribbean Islands.

Johnny lives in New York, USA and from a young age, became involved in the worship of this goddess and started to bring sacrifices to this demon goddess.

Through this, he became a warlock in this false religion.

He would sit at a cauldron, where he would bring satanic sacrifices and demons would appear to him.

They told him to put spells, curses and hexes on people and in city areas and evil would happen to people because of it.

God confronted him as He took him to hell and said that this is his last chance so he repented and was converted to Christ.

Now he is a preacher, delivers sinners and believers of demons and breaks spells over people and nations. He also teaches believers how to pray effectively.

The Church Gathers Together for Fellowship

Why do believers gather?

They gather for fellowship.

- ❖ This is so, for Jesus Christ came to restore our fellowship with God through the cross and therefore, we learn how to have fellowship with one another in a godly way.

- ❖ The power of their fellowship lies in Holy Communion.

- ❖ The book of Acts shows us that they came together to fellowship and break bread, which is to have Holy Communion.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

A Key of Fellowship

In the Netherlands, we started a church.

The Lord gave us a scripture for the start.

It was the word that we are called into fellowship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

This is the biblical foundation where we come together to fellowship as believers.

For no other foundation can be laid as is laid, Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this foundation lays Holy Communion.

No Fellowship with Demons

Apostle Paul said that Israel's sins, idolatry and therefore, God's judgment upon sinners is an example for us.

Evangelists must preach repentance to idolaters so that they forsake their sins, repent and be delivered out of darkness by being redeemed and saved.

For we cannot have holy communion with God and fellowship with demons at the same time.

1Co 10:14-16 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. (15) I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. (16) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the Greek language, the word communion and fellowship are the same.

Idolators, witches and Satanist sacrifice to devils, therefore they have fellowship with demons.

1Co 10:20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Evangelists must call the idolators to repent for we are to call them from darkness to light.

- ❖ From the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of God.
- ❖ From fellowship with demons to fellowship with God.

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

The Kingdom of Light and Eternal Life

- ❖ Jesus Christ preached the kingdom of God, which is the true light and eternal life.
- ❖ Therefore, He preached repentance and called people to come from fellowshiping with darkness and demons to come to true faith in Christ into the kingdom of God.
- ❖ In doing so, they would receive eternal life and have fellowship with God.

Mat 4:16-17 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. (17) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

He invaded the territory of darkness and cast out many demons whom they had fellowshiped with. They then followed Jesus Christ instead and they were healed and delivered from demons and devils.

Mat 4:23-25 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. (25) And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

Therefore, the people out of great darkness can believe in Jesus Christ and be forgiven of their sins, receive eternal life, and have fellowship with God through Jesus Christ.

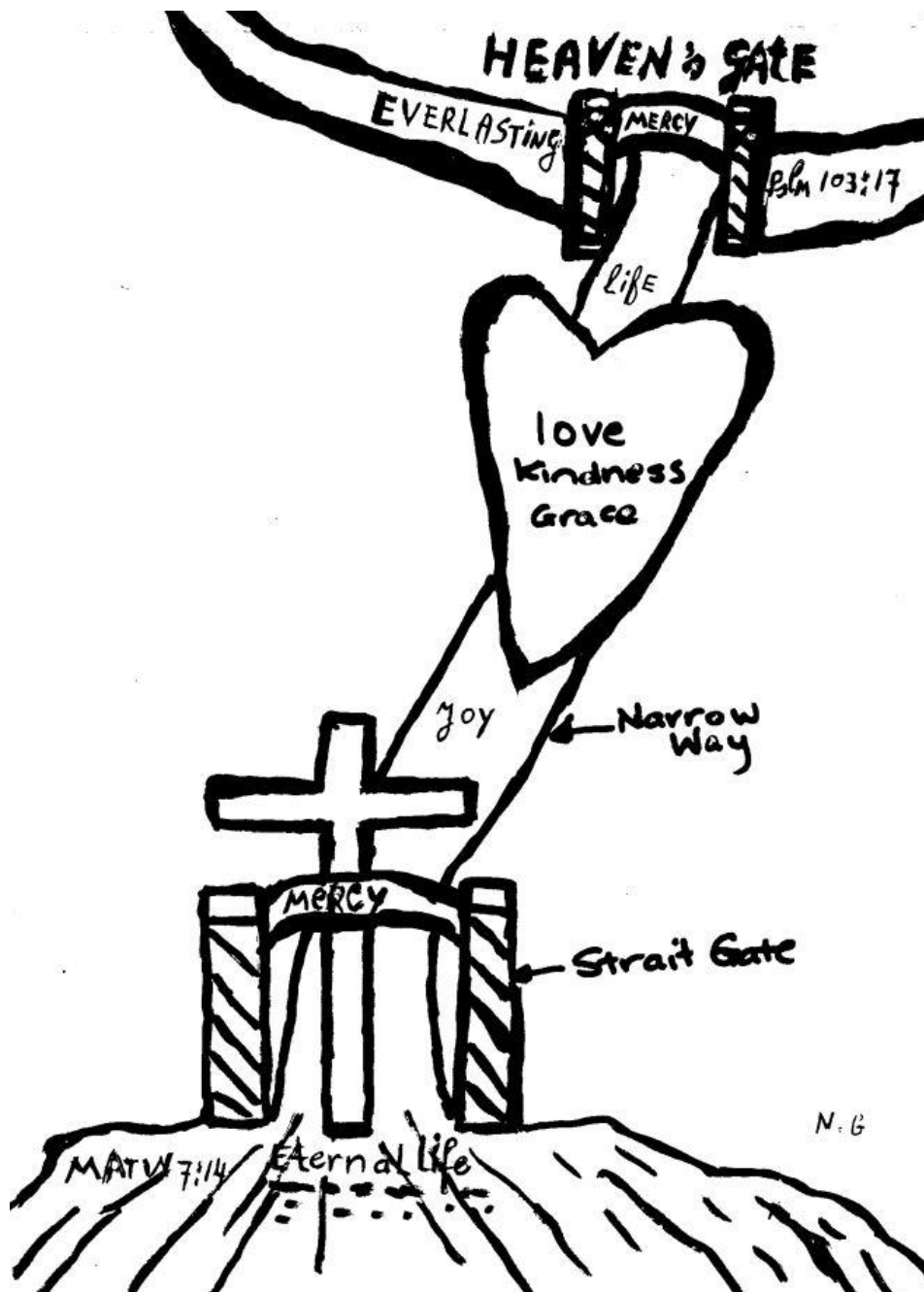
Jesus Christ's Mission

When Jesus Christ came, He preached, taught, and did great miracles, signs, and wonders.

Jesus Christ's main purpose was:

1. To give us eternal life
2. To restore us back into fellowship with God

Chapter 2: The Message of the Cross



Why Christ Came

In the first chapter, we learnt why Jesus Christ came.

- A. **Eternal life:** In the first place, He came to give us eternal life. In Scripture, He says that He came to give us life and life more abundantly.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

- B. **Fellowship:** The second point is that He came to restore our broken relationship so we would have fellowship through Christ.

1Co 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

- ❖ Christ accomplished this through His redeeming sacrificial blood sacrifice on the cross.
- ❖ We call this the message of the cross.

The Message of the Cross

- ❖ The Bible teaches us that there is a message of the cross.

The message of the cross is here to redeem us:

1. To redeem us or buy us back from the kingdom of darkness
2. For salvation
3. For daily growth in godliness

Out of the message of the cross, the preaching of the cross brings forth the power of God.

1Co 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The Preaching of the Cross

Today, we have to raise back up the old standard of preaching of the cross again.

True evangelism lies in the preaching of the full message of the cross.

Apostle Paul said that he did not know or preach anything, but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Forgiveness of sins, redemption and restored fellowship with God come through believing in the redeeming blood sacrifices of Christ on the cross, which we receive through the preaching of the cross.

- ❖ True evangelism knows nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The Cross of Christ, not Wisdom of Men

Today, many scholars in Bible institutes have exchanged faith in the cross for human wisdom.

They teach humanism, social justice and even socialism.

Apostle Paul said that the Greeks seek after human wisdom.

1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

- ❖ If we preach the gospel through the wisdom of men, we take the power away from the message of the cross and make it of no effect.

1Co 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

- ❖ The message of the cross is a spiritual message that cuts to the heart of men and breaks the pride of human intellectualism.

Act 2:37-38 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

God wants to reveal the sin of the heart and man's spiritual bankruptcy.

For the preaching of the cross is the true wisdom of God.

The pride of man and the foolishness of the demonic world don't understand this wisdom of the cross of Christ.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal the mystery of the cross of Christ to someone as they repent and humble themselves so that they can be redeemed and saved.

The Holy Spirit teaches us the Wisdom of God

To be a witness for Christ, we need to understand the true wisdom of the cross of Christ.

It is the Holy Spirit who wants to teach us the true wisdom of the cross of Christ.

The Bible says that we can learn this through the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:7,10 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: (10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

- ❖ For this to happen, we need to crucify our natural man.
- ❖ The natural man lifts human knowledge based on pride.
- ❖ The spiritual man, in Christ, is taught the true wisdom of the message of the cross by the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Brokenness at the Cross

For us to understand the message of the cross of Christ more deeply, we need godly brokenness in our lives. Then the Holy Spirit can teach us these truths about the message of the cross.

What are the true sacrifices that God wants?

1. A broken spirit
2. A broken and contrite heart

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

There are 2 different kinds of brokenness: one through traumas, pain and accidents; this is a negative trauma that needs healing.

The other brokenness that comes into our lives is a true godly sorrow over sin.

Why does God want us to have a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart in evangelism?

So that God gets all the glory.

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

The way of the cross of Christ is here, so we won't boast about man's human wisdom, strength or power.

We can't depend on the natural man in evangelism.

For the natural man doesn't walk in the true wisdom, ways and nature of God.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Therefore, we need to be broken of our human wisdom, human heart, and spirit at the cross of Christ.

True brokenness at the cross of Christ brings forth a great burden for the lost.

Out of this, we need to start to pray from our born-again spirit to travail in prayer for the lost.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

Then, through the Holy Spirit, we will understand what the true wisdom of the cross of Christ is all about.

Nothing but the Cross of Christ

We need true revelation and discernment about the message of the cross.

Our Lord said that blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

This righteousness that we will be filled with comes to us through the redemption at the cross; we call this justification.

This means we are made righteous through the blood sacrifices of Christ on the cross.

Therefore, we need a breakthrough in the importance of this big revelation, so we can bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

The Holy Spirit wants to reveal this to us as we see the importance of the word on the cross of Christ revealed to us.

We need this revelation to be fortified in our spirit so we will be determined not to know anything among us but Jesus Christ and the message of the cross.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Blessed are those who mourn

Jesus Christ said that those who mourn are blessed.

Mat 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

David Borough says that this speaks about the believers who see there is absolutely no good in themselves, Who see that all their righteousness is as filthy rags.

Who mourn over their fallen state and that the only way is redemption, reconciliation, and salvation by the cross of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, the poor in spirit are also the people who depend 100% upon the finished work of Christ on the cross of Calvary.

James talks about Mourning

In the Bible book of James, he understood how believers had one foot in the Christian faith and the other in self and the world.

He calls these people double-minded, who cannot receive anything from God.

These believers do not yet understand the full message of the cross.

The answer for these believers is to mourn and be broken of self and double-mindedness at the cross of Christ.

Jas 4:8-10 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. (10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

A United heart fears God

We are called to live out of a united heart.

This means we follow Christ 100% in all things.

- ❖ A united heart can truly fear God if it is broken at the cross of Christ of self, sin, and the world.

Psa 86:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

- ❖ We are called to fear God and do evangelism in a way that will glorify God the most and give Christ all the credit.

Therefore, a person with a united heart in Christ who fears God will become determined to preach only Christ and Him crucified.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

This is the true way and true wisdom of God.

Growing in a Crucified Life

We are called to live a crucified lifestyle.

This is a place of total surrender whereby Christ lives through us.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The Lord told me this 10 years ago. He wanted me to understand the message of the cross very deeply, and then many souls would be saved.

I came out of a very broken life caused by trauma, and therefore, there was a lot of division in my heart.

- ❖ As I surrendered to God's process of uniting my heart, I have been able to receive more revelation and understanding about the message of the cross.

Now I am growing more and more determined to know nothing else but Christ and Him crucified.

- ❖ Evangelists and witnesses for Christ are called to be cross preachers.

A Mighty Cross Preacher

Reinhard Bonnke was a mighty cross preacher.

His slogan was to see a blood-washed Africa from Cape Town to Cairo.

Wherever he went, he preached the evangelistic message of the redeeming cross of Christ.

This type of preaching led to millions of souls being saved in Africa.

I was there, personally, for 7 evening meetings in Africa and heard him preach the message of the cross of Christ.

Africa saw the cross in action as many people repented, were saved, and mighty miracles and deliverances happened as Reinhard preached.

Holy Communion is the Cross

Holy Communion is the message of the cross of Christ.

The evening that Jesus Christ held his holy communion with the apostles was Passover evening.

Passover celebrates that the lamb was slain for every household's protection in Israel as blood was put on the doorpost.

Jesus took the bread and the cup and said, 'This is the New Covenant'.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

He said, 'This is my blood poured out for the forgiveness of sin', so we can receive eternal life.

Where would His blood be poured out like a lamb that was slain?

It would be poured out as He was crucified on the cross of Calvary.

- ❖ Therefore, holy communion is the message of the cross.

The apostles were prepared, by Christ, for what was to come as Christ was going to be crucified.

Apostle Peter was made ready to preach the message of the cross of Christ on the day of Pentecost.

Act 2:23-24 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Breaking the Bread and the Cross

Our Lord started a good tradition.

He started the tradition of breaking the bread.

This was the sign that His flesh and His soul would be broken for us on the cross.

- ❖ In evangelism, we need to understand the power of holy communion.

- ❖ For holy communion is the message of the redeeming cross.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

This was a sign for us that there is nothing good in ourselves and that our old man needs to be crucified and die with Christ.

It also means that our self-life of the soul and will need to die.

Breaking the bread is a true sign of the brokenness of self at the cross of Christ.

Breaking the Bread in the First Church

The first church, in the book of Acts, understood the message of the cross.

They preached it.

- ❖ Apostle Peter preached the message of the cross on the day of Pentecost, and 3000 were saved.

Then they broke bread in holy communion every day in their house-to-house gatherings.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

- ❖ Breaking bread is here so that, every day, we are broken more of self, the flesh, and our old ways.
- ❖ As we do this, we will grow deeper and deeper in our fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This brokenness and fellowship are the way for the bride to make herself ready and to become one with Christ so our evangelism will become more effective.

Why does the Church come together?

Why does the church come together?

- ❖ Its primary role is to fellowship with God and one another in holy communion.
- ❖ All other activities are to come forth out of this holy communion and fellowship with God.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Out of the Holy Communion and its Fellowship

1. We worship the Father in spirit and truth
2. We have fellowship with one another
3. Houses of prayer and worship for all nations are established
4. The gates of Hades shall not prevail against the ecclesia
5. We go and preach repentance and the kingdom
6. We go to all the earth to evangelise
7. God heals the broken-hearted as we minister the evangelistic message
8. The bride becomes spotless

Chapter 3: The Cross is the Power of God

The Cross is the Power of God

In this chapter, we talk about the cross of Christ.

Apostle Paul said that there is power in the preaching of the blood of the redeeming cross of Christ.

❖ Understanding these truths makes us better evangelists and witnesses as we preach our evangelistic message.

A true evangelist needs to understand that the cross is the power of God.

His ministry needs to be built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

There are 4 works of the cross:

1. The message of the cross
2. Preaching the cross for the redemption
3. The mystery of the cross
4. Ministry of the Cross in daily living

The 4 Works of the Cross

1. The message of the cross

The message of the cross is God's power and wisdom revealed to man.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

2. The preaching of the cross for the redemption

This is our message of redemption, healing and deliverance which is made available because of Christ's blood sacrifices on the cross to all who believe.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

This is the advantage of the cross.

1Co 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

3. The mystery of the cross

Apostle Paul said that the cross was a mystery that became revealed as Christ rose from the dead. He says that we must keep asking for deeper revelation so the cross of Christ will be revealed to us in a greater light.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Eph 1:9-10 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

4. The ministry of the cross in daily living.

The ministry of the cross is for the believers to be transformed by Christ daily.

Arthur Blessitt

Mr Blessitt was called by God to pick up a cross and walk with it around the world.

As he did this, many came to him, and he preached to them about Jesus Christ's sacrifice.

This led to many giving their hearts to Jesus Christ.

You see, there is power in the cross of Christ for redemption and salvation.

The blood of the cross is for our daily cleansing, and its power is to overcome sins, bad habits, bad behaviours and strongholds.

It is the message of true discipleship.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Nothing but the Cross of Christ

- ❖ If we want to live in victory and become an overcomer, we need to learn that there is nothing good within ourselves and that all our victories are in Christ.

We must come to the place where we know nothing else but the cross of Jesus Christ.

We can learn this truth from the Apostle Paul.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Many want the power of the Holy Spirit yet miss the real power which changes us on the inside by being at the cross of Christ daily.

- ❖ God wants us to live from the inside out, and only the truth of the cross of Christ can overcome our daily sins and set us free so we can live in the Spirit.

We are to press into the cross of Christ daily, as we break the bread daily, and carry out the ministry of the blood of the cross daily; then it can impact us daily.

The Blood is new every day

The cleansing blood is here for us every day.

We are called to live this out and put our faith also on the path of sanctification.

This means that, by confessing our daily sins and repenting of them, we are growing in becoming more holy in our behaviour and becoming more effective in evangelism.

We know that Jesus Christ is risen and is alive, yet there are mysteries in the message of the cross.

- ❖ His cleansing blood is new every day, at the cross of Christ, so we can be washed daily and therefore, we show His death and resurrection until He comes.

This is part of the ministry of the cross.

1Co 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Christ has not yet stopped pouring out His blood for us, for there is power in the blood today.

The Power of the Cross

- ❖ True evangelism lies in preaching about the power of the redeeming cross and the blood of Christ.

A witness, preacher or evangelist who understands this will also preach about the power of the blood and the broken body of Christ.

- ❖ Apostle Paul said that in the preaching of the cross lies the real power of God.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For the true move of God lies in the blood of Christ.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

2 Kinds of Power in God's Kingdom

In the Bible, there are 2 different kinds of power in God's kingdom. They are:

a) **The power of the blood of the cross of Christ**

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

b) **The power of the Holy Spirit**

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2 Different viewpoints in Churches

There are 2 different viewpoints about God's power in Christian churches.

The Baptist church bases its power on the power of the cross of Christ for salvation.

The Pentecostal church focuses on the power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Our focus should be on both.

Some Questions:

I want to ask you some questions:

- Did the Holy Spirit give His blood for you?
- Did the Holy Spirit die for your sin?
- Was the Holy Spirit crucified for you?
- Was the Holy Spirit given stripes for your healing?
- Did the Holy Spirit save you?
- Did the Holy Spirit redeem you?
- Did the Holy Spirit reconcile you?
- Did the Holy Spirit give you life?

The True Foundation

The true foundation of the Christian faith lies in Christ, who is the power of God.

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Faith in Christ and the blood of the cross of Christ release the power of God's divine nature and life in us and lay the true foundation.

The Bible says that there is no other foundation than Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

When we preach Christ and Him crucified and resurrected, we are releasing the power of God.

Therefore, darkness breaks, and the heart will be opened for Christ.

True evangelism preaches Christ and releases the power of God as they speak; for Christ is the power of God.

The True Foundation Releases Power

When we preach the true foundation, which is Christ Jesus, power is released.

The Bible says that power is released when we preach the gospel.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

This is also the power for transformation for a new believer.

Jesus Christ gives Redemption

It is Jesus Christ who is our Redeemer and Saviour and gives us redemption by which we can be saved.

- ❖ It is through the power of the blood of Christ that we are redeemed, justified, and saved.
- ❖ As Christ gave His blood and died for us and was raised from death, we can be reconciled to God.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

We have peace and fellowship restored because man has been reconciled, through Christ, to God.

Many shall be Redeemed and then saved through the Message of the Cross

In 2010, God used me powerfully in revival meetings in India.

Many were redeemed as they repented, came out of darkness, into the light, as they were saved and baptised as the Holy Spirit moved.

When I came back to Australia, God said that He had used me as I preached about the Holy Spirit, yet He wanted me to learn to understand a greater depth of the power of the cross of Christ.

God said, when you understand the cross of Christ more deeply and preach it, many more will be saved.

Today the Cross is Under Attack

In recent years, many churches have taken the crosses out of their buildings.

Therefore, the message of the cross is under attack in these times.

They are being deceived because they think they are more relevant to society.

The truth is, there is no other salvation and transformation than Jesus Christ.

Pastor in India raised a Cross

In 2016, when I was in India, I prayed for 25 pastors, and God's Holy Spirit moved.

I gave a pastor my book on the cross.

He said he did not have a cross in his church, so I said the book explained the importance of the cross of Christ.

A few months later, he sent me a text that he had raised a 2-metre cross in his church. Praise God.

A Daily Living Sacrifice

- ❖ The power of the blood of the cross of Christ is also here for daily transformation.

If we say we do not sin, we are liars, yet if we confess our sins, Jesus Christ's blood will cleanse us daily.

1Jn 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- ❖ Remember God's glorious nature lies in the blood of Christ and breaks through in a greater dimension when we have holy communion.

We are called to be transformed daily as we give our lives as a living sacrifice.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Visions of Altar and Cross

In New Zealand, God gave me a vision of an altar and the cross.

An altar represents a place of sacrifice, surrender, consecration, purification, and prayer.

The cross shows us the places Christ died for us so we can be saved and transformed.

What God says to us is that we need to restore the ministry of prayer and be daily at His altar to be transformed, and then His house will be called a house of prayer for all nations of the world.

Isa 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

As we give ourselves every day as a living sacrifice in prayer at the altar, God will cleanse us of our daily sins and transform us daily.

A True Evangelist

A true evangelist will bring the message of the cross back to the house of God.

A true evangelist helps to restore prayer altars in the church.

A true evangelist calls a believer to become a disciple of the cross.

Tarrying at the Altar

The Bible says that I am crucified with Christ and therefore I no longer live.

A lot of believers are first on fire, but after a while, they cool off and start to live for themselves. They put the cross down.

Yet the Bible says it is no longer I that live.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

They started to live for me, myself, and I.

God's plan is for us to grow in Christ, deeper within.

To let the truth be formed in the inward parts.

Therefore, as believers, we need the daily ministry of the cross.

Only by learning to tarry in prayer and holy communion at the prayer altar, where the blood of the cross sets us free from daily sin – the sin that so easily besets us - will we overcome me, myself and I.

For there is no good in us except where we are in Christ.

To be on fire and stay on fire lies in living a crucified life and growing in Christ as we tarry in prayer and worship to abide in Christ.

True Disciples of the Cross

To be a true disciple of Christ lies in understanding the message and the ministry of the redeeming cross, which releases the power of God for growth.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

When we have a revelation of the cross of Christ, it is power and how Christ overcame, we will be able to become true disciples.

Evangelists also need to be disciples and know how to make disciples.

We see the same principles at work in Apostle Paul's life.

Jesus Christ said that if you do not pick up your cross daily, you cannot be His disciple.

Luk 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

When you grow in being a disciple of the cross, you overcome me, myself, and I.

As you learn to pick up your cross and be purified at the cross of Christ and the altar of prayer, you more easily overcome pride.

As you know, it is all Christ and none of self.

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Christ is our redemption, righteousness, and sanctification.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

The 3 P's of Sanctification

There is power in the blood of the cross of Christ for your redemption and salvation and also for your daily transformation.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

When we are saved, we are sanctified, or made holy, by His blood, yet we also need to grow on the pathway of sanctification, so we become holy in our behaviour and character.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Therefore, in sanctification, there are 3 P's:

1. Positional sanctification
2. Progressive sanctification
3. Perfection

Discipleship is being on the pathway of sanctification, so we grow to be holy in our conduct.

The Glory of the Power of the Blood

Keith Miller says that we must learn to walk in the glory of the power of the blood.

This is true because the glory of God's nature lies in the blood of Christ.

Apostle Peter said that because of our faith in the blood and the cross of Christ, we have received God's divine life and power.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

This power of the blood that releases the divine nature and Christ's new life in us has the power to transform the most wicked sinner into a saint.

It can make a great sinner into a godly person.

The Glorious Nature of God is in the Blood

The glorious nature of God lies in the blood of Christ.

Faith in the blood of the cross of Christ releases the power of God whereby we receive and grow in the glorious nature of God.

(2Pe 1:3,4) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Jesus Christ said that if you believe in Him, you will be redeemed and have eternal life, and you will be born again to live forevermore; for you received His blood.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The glory of God lies in the blood.

God's glorious nature lies in the blood.

Therefore:

- ❖ The glory of God's love is in the blood
- ❖ The glory of God's goodness is in the blood
- ❖ The glory of God's shalom is in the blood
- ❖ The glory of God's mercy and grace is in the blood
- ❖ The glory of God's truth and its freedom is in the blood
- ❖ The glory of God's compassion and kindness is in the blood

- ❖ The glory of God's life is in the blood
- ❖ God's holy presence is in the blood

The Message of the Cross Brings Godliness

- ❖ Jesus said that the grain of wheat had to fall into the earth.
- ❖ The life is in the seed, so also is life in the blood.

And so, the glorious blood of Christ has given us His divine power and all that pertains unto life and godliness.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

So, therefore, through the power of the cross of Christ and His glorious life within us, we can grow into the fruits of the Spirit unto godliness in our ways, conduct and character.

2Pe 1:5-7 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

- ❖ Therefore, the power of the message of the cross will grow us into godly, Christlike men of integrity.

Chapter 4: Blood and Fire

William Booth

William Booth was the founder of the Salvation Army.

He had some powerful visions of Christ's sacrifice, heaven, and Pentecost.

He came up with a powerful slogan, "Blood and Fire".

- ❖ Today, when we do evangelism, we need blood and fire.
- ❖ Evangelists and Christian witnesses need to learn to walk in the power of the blood and fire.

Spirit and Power

Apostle Paul preached the blood of the redeeming cross of Christ and its power, but he also ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, he put the power of the blood and the power of the Holy Spirit together in his ministry.

Our faith is in the blood of Christ and its power whereby the power of the Holy Spirit can also be released to us.

We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

The power of the blood delivered us from the kingdom of darkness and broke the chains of death and hell.

(Col 1:13,14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

After Jesus Christ rose, He said to tarry in Jerusalem in prayer until the power of the Holy Spirit came upon them, so that they could become His witness.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Therefore, we need the power of the blood and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

All evangelists and witnesses are to be filled with power from on high.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Faith in the Power of God

Our faith should not be built upon the wisdom of men, but our faith should be in the power of God.

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Therefore, we need the Holy Spirit's life and power.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

A Vision of the Cross and the Altar

When I was preaching in New Zealand, there was a lot of deception among the believers.

They mixed the spiritual rituals of the land with the Christian faith.

- ❖ The Lord gave me a vision of the cross and an altar.
- The Lord said, 'You need blood and fire'.

- In other words, we first need the power of the cross, and then we also need the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The altar is a sign of surrender.

We need to surrender at the cross of Christ and be cleansed by the blood of the cross of Christ, and then the fire of the Holy Spirit can be poured out into our lives.

We need to surrender all on the altar.

No true 100% surrender, no real Holy Spirit fire.

Evangelists and witnesses need to learn and understand the importance of surrender.

A New Slogan

A new slogan for today is:

As deep as the cross of Christ goes, that's how far the power of the Holy Spirit will flow.

Fire on the Altar at the Dedication of the Temple

- ❖ There has to be a sacrifice on the altar for God's fire to come.

This is a biblical principle and a biblical pattern.

We see this at the dedication of the first temple.

King Solomon built the first temple.

On the day of the dedication, they brought many sacrifices.

They also built a big altar and put blood sacrifices on it.

The priest and the people were there when King Solomon prayed.

When he was finished, the fire of God came down and consumed the sacrifices with fire, and the glory of God came down.

2Ch 7:1-3 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (2) And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. (3) And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

If we want to see God's fire and glory, we need to let the cross of Christ work deeply in us.

A Living Sacrifice

The New Testament calls us to become a living sacrifice.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Without an altar and fire, the sacrifices can't burn.

The Lord said to me that when I see a godly altar in the Old Testament, I was to see the cross of Christ.

Then He said that when I saw the cross in the New Testament, I was to see an altar.

- There are no sacrifices without surrender.
- No sacrifices, no Holy Spirit fire.

It is the Cross and Holy Spirit Power

- ❖ Apostle Paul said that he preached the cross of Christ with the Holy Spirit and power.
- ❖ He ministered the cross of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ This is so your faith would not be built upon human wisdom but on the power of the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Therefore, we are first to totally surrender and then be filled with the power and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ said, when He ascended, that the apostles had to wait and tarry in Jerusalem until they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so they would be witnesses.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Blood and Fire at Pentecost

When the Apostles had gathered on the day of Pentecost, there came a sound; a mighty wind and flames of fire came upon their heads.

Act 2:2-3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Apostle Peter, as the evangelist, said that Jesus Christ, who had given His blood, now had poured out the fire of the Holy Spirit upon them.

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Jesus Christ had poured His blood out on heaven's altar and was now granted by God the Father to pour out the Holy Spirit and fire.
We see here the blood and fire.

Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Blood and Fire Evangelism

God wants to raise blood and fire preaching evangelists.

It is not one or the other; we need both.

Act 8:6-8 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. (7) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. (8) And there was great joy in that city.

Evangelist Philip was used in the city of Samaria; the people believed, and many were delivered of evil spirits. Yet the fire of the Holy Spirit baptism was not poured out until the Apostles Peter and John came.

Act 8:14-17 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: (15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) (17) Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The apostles ministered out of the fullness as Jesus had ministered.
They were filled with the fresh fire of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Therefore, we are to press in for the fire and the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
This comes into our lives by surrendering and tarrying at the cross of Christ, which is also our altar.
The apostles were used to baptise the new believers with the fire of the Holy Spirit.
The fire also brings out the evil in people.
This holy fire ministry brought up the false motivations in the heart of Simon the Sorcerer or Warlock.
Evil counterfeit spirits, which are demons, will jump out when the holy fire starts burning.

Act 8:21-22 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. (22) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Progressive Sanctification and it is true Discernment

Today, what we need is true discernment, for there is a lot of deception moving in the world.

True discernment comes through growing in our process to become holy in our daily walk and character.

A lot of believers want God's fire without carrying their cross daily.

Jesus said we cannot be His disciples if we do not daily pick up our cross.

Luk 14:26-27 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. (27) And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Discipleship, progressive sanctification and growing in godly character are the same.

Holy Spirit moves in Solomon Islands Evangelical Church

In 2010, when we were ministering in the Solomon Islands. We preached in different church denominations. When we preached in the Pentecostal church, there was only a little move, for they thought that they had everything already.

When we ministered in the South Sea Evangelical church, God moved very strongly.

They understood that we must go deeper to the cross daily.

When we preached the message of the cross and the Holy Spirit's power, they received and were touched.

They wanted to take this message to other places.

When we preach the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for us by the redeeming sacrifice, demons tremble, and people are set free.

(Col 1:13,14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Pure Power

The power only comes through the redeeming cross of Christ.

A minister who daily dies deeper to self and the flesh at the cross of Christ will have the pure power of the Holy Spirit.

Every power that does not come to us through the cross of Christ and a truly surrendered life is a counterfeit spirit.

Today's Counterfeits

Today, there are a lot of counterfeit ministries going on; we can call this false fire.

Many ministries are building on looks, appearance and programs. Their focus is not on the holy presence of God.

Then there are the ministries that get their power from working secretly with darkness.

Mr Emmanuel Eni

There are a lot of demonic counterfeit ministries going on today.

This next true story will show you:

Mr Eni is a former warlock who helped pastors in Africa to get a lot of counterfeit spiritual powers.

Now they could do so-called healings, prophesies, and deliverances.

The power they had was demonic; they would open white garment churches.

He wrote:

'1. Opening of White "Garment Churches"

When a man comes to us for assistance to build a prayer house and help him perform healings, etc., he would be given some conditions:

- a) He will agree to donate to us one or two souls every year

- b) At a certain level of office in the church, the person would be initiated into our society
- c) No member would be allowed to come into the prayer house with shoes on

When he accepts these conditions, he would be given something like white gravel, human bones, blood, and charms, all in a native pot. He would be instructed to bury this pot with all its contents in front of the church and bury the cross on its top. After the burial, only the cross should be seen. He would be advised to build a pool or keep a basin where spirits would continue to supply special water. This water is what you hear them call "holy water". Many people, when disturbed by evil spirits, go to these "prophets" to cast them out. The truth is, they only add more demons to them. A devil cannot cast out the devil (Luke 11:17-19). What the prophet would do is he would pray for the member and then give him/her a red cloth to put in his/her house, and then would advise him/her to always pray with candles and incense. By this act, the person invites us into his/her house. Sometimes the member would be advised to bring a goat, etc. for sacrifice. These sacrifices are for us to come and help cure the man. The prophet has no power to cure or heal.' (Eni, 2017)

This is a totally demonic counterfeit ministry of:

- a. Demonic healing
- b. Demonic prophesy
- c. Demonic deliverance

Jesus Christ was Filled with Authority and Power

Jesus Christ was walking in authority and power.

Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

He was the Holy One that the Father sent; He had received authority and power.

Everywhere He ministered, he ministered in the power because of His holy authority, fullness, and the holy fire of God.

As the fiery authority of Jesus' preaching went out, demons cried out.

Luk 4:33,35 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, (35) And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him and hurt him not.

Demons trembled and came out of the people because of the discernment and authority that Jesus Christ walked in and ministered out of.

Healings also took place as the demons of sickness and destruction left the sick and bound people.

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Apostle Paul in Ephesus

We are to become pure vessels of the Lord.

We need to walk in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles to put the preaching of the cross of Christ first.

Then we will also see God's fire and the Holy Spirit's power move.

For we need to preach blood and fire.

Apostle Paul was used in a mighty way.

In Ephesus, he laid hands on believers, and they received the Holy Spirit's power.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Great signs and miracles and true deliverances took place as he ministered there for 2 years in the school of Tyrannus.

Act 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: (12) So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

As Apostle Paul preached the holy fire and the blood of Jesus Christ, many evil spirits came out in a place that was a stronghold of the occult philosophy.

Apostle Paul had based his ministry on the fact that he knew nothing but Christ and Him crucified.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

This led to many believing and being set free from demons. The Holy Spirit worked with power and the Holy Ghost's fire.

1Co 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

If we follow this example and we tarry at the cross of Christ, God's Holy Spirit will change us, fill us with the Holy Spirit and use us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, tarry daily at the altar and the cross.

This is the way for you to be a blood and fire evangelist or believer.

Blood Fire and Deliverance

Ministers who move with and preach blood and fire also need to learn to move in the discernment of spirits and to cast out demons.

Jesus Christ walked in godly authority and preached with power so that the demons came out.

Apostle Paul preached with blood and fire in Ephesus, and the evil spirits came out.

Act 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: (12) So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Now we, as blood and fire preachers and evangelists, need to do the same deliverance ministry as we learn to operate in the gift of discerning of spirits.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

The breaker anointing will also help us to stir up a place so the snakes and cockroaches will leave the building.

Chapter 5: Redemption, the Redeemer and Deliverance out of Darkness

A Dramatic Shift

According to the Bible, when people come to Christ, they are transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's holy light.

- ❖ It is a dramatic shift.

Yet today, when people become Christians, we don't see many dramatic shifts and many new believers fall away.

Why is this so?

Was the Bible wrong about a dramatic shift? No.

What is wrong then?

Today, they have watered down the gospel message.

Therefore, they only preach a small part of the full message of redemption.

- ❖ To see a dramatic shift and a cultural impact, we need to preach the full message of redemption.

Redeemed

- ❖ As we are redeemed, we can also be saved.
- ❖ We are not redeemed because we are saved, no.
- ❖ We are saved because we are redeemed.
- ❖ Redemption is the whole package and has 9 components; salvation is one of them.

Saul of Tarsus' Dramatic Shift

- ❖ The person in the Bible who teaches us about the full message of redemption was impacted by the Redeemer in a mighty way.

Saul of Tarsus was a young radical Pharisee who had become a murderer.

(Act 9:1) And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

He was under a strong, violent religious principality of Satan wanting to wipe out the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Once the disciples in Jerusalem were under the spirit of the fear of the persecutors, he went to Damascus in Syria, to imprison and execute the disciples.

(Act 9:2) And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

The church had been praying to God for help, and help came from heaven.

- ❖ Jesus Christ, the risen Redeemer in full heavenly glory, dealt with this murderous, terrorising Pharisee.

(Act 9:3,4) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (Act 22:11 AMP) And since I could not see because of (the dazzlingly glorious intensity) of the brightness of that light. I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and (thus) I arrived in Damascus.

- ❖ The Redeemer's glorious light shone on Saul to bring a dramatic shift in Saul's life.

Power Encounter Brings Deliverance

Saul of Tarsus was blinded by the god of this world and therefore bound in unbelief.

He was filled with a religious demonic zealous hatred whereby the Jews had killed Christ.

He could not see the light of the gospel when he heard it, for he was bound by Satan's spell.

(2Co 4:4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

- ❖ The prayers of the saints caused the risen Christ, who is our redeemer, to come in a powerful kingdom confrontation to deliver Saul out of the grip of Satan.
- ❖ In this power encounter, Saul became blind, and he fell to the ground; then the demonic darkness was stripped off him, and he said, Lord, who are you?

(Act 9:3-5) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Saul was humbled; he repented and started to pray. Now God could fully redeem Saul and make him into Paul.

(Act 9:11) And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

- ❖ We see here that being delivered out of Satan's domain of darkness goes hand in hand with repentance.
- ❖ Ananias was sent to Paul, and as he believed, hands were laid on him, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit, could see again and was baptised.

(Act 9:17,18) And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

He then became Apostle Paul, never fell back and taught us the full story of redemption, its elements, power and outworkings.

If we follow his full teaching of redemption, we will see people radically transformed as they go from darkness to light.

(1Co 4:6) And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Radical Transformation and Redemption

- ❖ If we want to see a radical transformation, we need to preach the full message of redemption.
- ❖ Redemption has 9 elements or subjects.
- ❖ Redemption is the full story; salvation is only 1 part of redemption.
- ❖ You are saved because you were redeemed (bought back) by Christ's redeeming blood sacrifice.
- ❖ Therefore, you are not redeemed because you are saved, but saved because you are redeemed.
- ❖ Today, preachers make salvation their focus, yet 90% of their converts fall away and only 2% become disciples.
- ❖ If we follow Apostle Paul's full teaching of redemption, we will see people radically transformed as they go from darkness to light.

They will surrender daily as they grow in progressive sanctification and daily become more Christ-like, growing in the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their life.

A result of the coming back to the full story of redemption is that it releases the fear of God in our lives.

Redemption in Israel

- ❖ The definition of redemption is buying back.
- ❖ Redemption is paying the ransom, the price of something that has been lost, thereby purchasing it back.

In the Hebrew culture, God set up the process of redeeming back lost inheritance in the Law.

(Lev 25:25) If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

We see this truly take place in the story of Ruth where Boaz, who was a kinsman of Naomi, buys back their inherited land.

Then he also redeems Ruth by marriage, to bring forth offspring for Naomi's loss.

Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Deliverer

In the Amplified Bible, we see that deliverance and salvation are also the outworkings of redemption.

Eph 1:7 (AMP) In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offences (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favour.

- ❖ When people are powerfully redeemed, like I was, truly repent and surrender, then demonic spirits will leave.
- ❖ For we are delivered from the powers of darkness when we repent, believe and are born again.

(Col 1:13,14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

❖ A redeemer is also a deliverer.

Jesus Christ is our redeemer and our deliverer.

He said He came to give His life as a ransom for many.

He became the ransom or price whereby He would redeem us and buy us back from spiritual death, sin and being a slave of the domain of Satan.

(Mat 20:28) Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

❖ In Israel, the year of Jubilee was also the year of redemption.

In that year, everyone in Israel who was sold as a slave was set free, land that was lost due to poverty was given back, etc.

Jesus Christ, our redeemer and deliverer, has come as our year of Jubilee and declared that He has come to give us life and set the prisoners free.

(Luk 4:17-19) And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Everywhere Jesus ministered, He called the people to believe in Him for eternal life.

As a sign of this, He healed and delivered the people of evil spirits.

(Act 10:38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

❖ The year of Jubilee is the year of Redemption.

❖ According to Jesus, redemption is an ongoing process and part of its fulfilment lies in His second coming.

(Luk 21:28) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

The scriptures say that all creation is waiting for the full manifestation of the sons of God and part of that redemption is the resurrection body.

Old Testament Atonement is New Testament Redemption

❖ The word in the Old Testament for redemption is atonement.

It says that the blood is given upon the altar as an atonement for sin.

(Lev 17:11) For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

In the New Testament, the word for atonement is redemption.

In the New Testament, it says that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, yes redemption is the New Testament word for atonement.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Isaiah 53

Old Testament Atonement

Isaiah 53 is the Old Testament story of Jesus Christ's atonement for sin.

Isaiah 53 shows that Christ's soul was an offering for sin as He died for our sins and poured out His blood.

It shows here that His atonement would justify many.

(Isa 53:11) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

New Testament Redemption

Romans 3 in the New Testament, shows us that we are justified by His grace through redemption.

Romans 3 shows us that we also receive propitiation and forgiveness through redemption so we can be saved.

(Rom 3:24-26) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Redemption

The Greek word for redemption is

A) Exagoruzo.

It means:

1. To buy back
2. Especially buy back a person in slavery

B) Lutroo

It means:

1. In the natural sense, delivering
2. Setting man spiritually free from iniquity, lawlessness, and self-will.

Therefore, redemption starts with being bought back from the darkness and its demons.

Then forgiveness and salvation of all of this through the blood of Jesus Christ.

(1Pe 1:18, 19) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

It is a Power Encounter

- ❖ Saul was on the road to Damascus when he had a power encounter with the glorious risen Redeemer.

Saul was in deep darkness, in bondage to a religious, murderous spirit, maybe even from the synagogue of Satan.

True transformation redemptive salvation starts with God's power encounter over the darkness which Christ paid for and overcame.

Apostle Paul understood it because he went through it and was set free of the dark demonic forces, transformed, redeemed and saved.

In Colossians, he says that we are delivered and transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's glorious holy light.

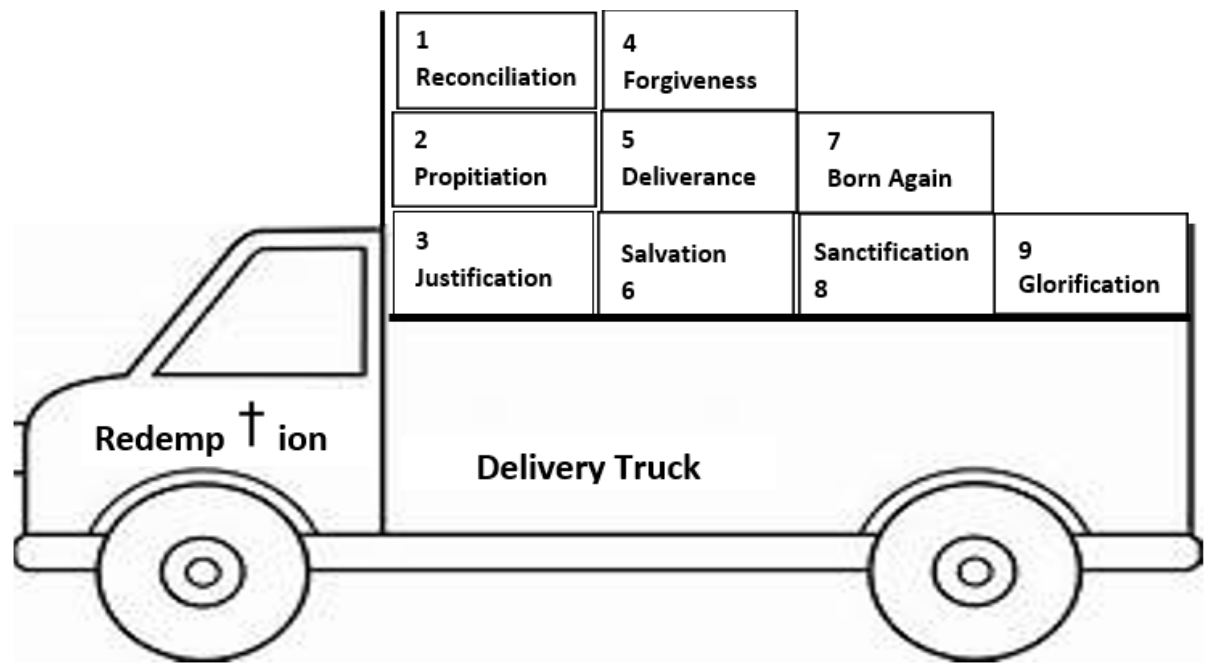
(Col 1:13,14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

As we are redeemed, yes, saved, reconciled and justified, we will receive shalom or peace in our hearts with God.

In Redemption, there are different aspects or subjects included.

Let me give you an illustration:

Redemption Delivery Truck



Topics in Redemption

1. Reconciliation
2. Propitiation
3. Justification
4. Forgiveness
5. Deliverance
6. Salvation
7. Born again
8. Sanctification
9. Glorification

9 Facets of Redemption

In redemption, there are 9 elements or subjects, and one of them is salvation.

1. Reconciliation

(Rom 5:10,11) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

2. Propitiation

(Rom 3:24, 25) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

3. Justification

(Rom 3:24 - 26) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

4. Forgiveness of sin.

(Rom 3:24, 25) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

5. Deliverance from the kingdom of darkness.

(Col 1:13,14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

6. Salvation and faith.

(Eph 1:13,14) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

7. Being Born Again

(Joh 3:5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

8. Sanctification

(Heb 9:12-14) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Sanctification is threefold:

- A. Positional
 - B. Progressive (by surrender)
 - C. Perfection (by brokenness)
- ### 9. Glorification

(Rom 5:1) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

(Rom 5:2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

(Rom 5:11) And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Still to Come

A. sons of God revealed

Full manifestation of redeemed sons of God on earth (powers of the age to come) and in the Millenium.

(Rom 8:19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

(Gal 4:5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

B. Day of redemption

(Luk 21:28) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

(Eph 4:30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

C. Redemption of our body

(Rom 8:23) And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Day of Redemption

❖ There is a day of Redemption, and it is still to come.

❖ This shows us that redemption, salvation and sanctification are processes.

Jesus Christ said When you see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power and glory, your salvation is near.

(Luk 21:27,28) And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

❖ Israel was waiting for the Messiah to rule on the throne of Israel.

❖ This is what Jesus Christ was referring to when He said Then your redemption is near.

He was referring to His second coming, where He will rule on the throne of Israel for 1000 years.

He will rule Israel and the nations for 1000 years.

Salvation is part of redemption.

Salvation and redemption are both a process.

It says that we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

(Php 2:12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Chapter 6: The Whole Evangelistic Message of Redemption

God's Goodness and God's Severity

- ❖ When we do evangelism, we need God's full counsel.
- ❖ We need to minister out of both God's goodness and God's severity.

Our God is holy.

(Isa 6:3) And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

- ❖ In God's holy presence and nature, we see His grace and His being slow to anger, His justice and His righteousness.
- ❖ In reaching the sinner, God moves with His goodness, which leads sinners to repentance.
- ❖ His goodness and His love work together to draw the broken hearts living in sin to God's redemption.
- ❖ Yet we also see God move to reach the lost with His severity.

God's Redemption

Redemption is God's full plan for us.

In God's redeeming plan for mankind, we find both the goodness and severity of God.

When we understand redemption, we can embrace the whole Bible.

Then we can understand God's love and God's discipline.

Then we can see God's love, goodness and severity in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

God's Goodness

Jesus reached out to the woman at the well in love, mercy and kindness.

Through words of knowledge, He revealed her sins, and through Christ's goodness, she was led to repentance.

She opened her heart because of how graciously Jesus Christ reached out to her.

She fell in love with the glorious Messiah who displayed love, goodness, kindness, mercy, faithfulness, etc.

Out of this unconditional love, she went to her city and told them about the Messiah.

Then they came out and believed.

(Rom 2:4) Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

God's Severity

Apostle Paul was saved through God's severity.

(Rom 11:22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

When Stephen was stoned to death, his face shone like an angel.

Paul was there and saw the goodness of God on the face of Stephen, yet did not repent.

Then he killed many believers in Christ Jesus.

Then Jesus Christ, who was on the throne in heaven, used God's severity on Paul to save him.

The light of God blinded him and struck him so he fell off his donkey.

(Act 9:3-5) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Then Paul said, Lord, who are you?

The Lord said, I am Christ Jesus, the one you persecute.

Then Paul believed and became a mighty apostle.

Jesus' Evangelistic Meetings

The greatest evangelist that ever lived is Jesus Christ.

He is our great example of how to be a good evangelist.

Everywhere Jesus Christ went, He held evangelistic meetings and was teaching about the kingdom of God.

- ❖ The Book of Matthew says that Jesus began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The Evangelistic Message of Redemption and the Kingdom

- ❖ Everywhere Jesus went, He taught and preached repentance and the gospel of the kingdom.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

One of these places where revival broke out under the ministry of Jesus Christ was in the land of Galilee by the sea.

These revivals were prophesied by the prophet Isaiah.

Mat 4:13-15 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: (14) That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, (15) The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

In the synagogue of Nazareth, His hometown, where He read Isaiah 61 in the Hebrew language, He also preached that they should repent and believe in Him. They rejected Him and persecuted Him.

So, He moved to Capernaum, by the Sea of Galilee and made it His home base.

From that new home base, He went to many towns in that region to hold these evangelistic revival meetings.

He preached the evangelistic message with great authority and power.

For the gospel is the evangelistic message of redemption.

People came from Syria and from the 10 cities of the Decapolis, where Gadarene is one of them, and from over Jordan to these evangelistic revival meetings. They received healing and miracles as they believed.

Repent to:

Jesus Christ calls us to repent.

Repentance is to turn and then believe in Jesus Christ, be born again, and put on Christ.

We repent of being a sinner and of sin, to God, God's kingdom and the King of glory, Jesus Christ.

We repent of:

- From hate
- From badness
- From a hard heart
- From unforgiveness
- From unfriendliness
- From unkindness

We put on:

- to love
- to goodness
- to grace
- to mercy
- to friendliness
- to kindness

(Col 3:12) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Many people struggle in relationships because of anger and bitterness in their hearts.

As we repent and are saved, we put on love, goodness, kindness, etc, and our relationships will improve.

The Meaning of the Word 'Gospel'

- ❖ Today, the message of the Lord Jesus Christ is being watered down.

We need to bring back the salt of His words in today's preaching.

- ❖ The salt lies in the evangelistic message of redemption.

Part of the problem lies in the English translation of the Greek word Evangelion, from which we get the word evangel, evangelic message, evangelic campaign, or evangelist. This should lead to the word being translated, in the English Bible, to 'evangel' but they use 'Gospel'

In the Dutch language, we say 'evangelie' and in German 'Das Evangelium'.

In these two languages, the words are very similar to the Greek word, 'Evangelion'.

In English, this has been wrongly translated into the word gospel', which means good news. This takes the salt out of the word.

Yes, it is good news, yet the word of God is also a two-edged sword.

The whole message is not good news for all, for many will end up in hell, for God is holy.

What is the meaning of the word 'Gospel'?

Meaning in Greek:

The Greek word for gospel is *Euangelion*, which is Evangel in English.

This is where these words Evangel connect:

1. Evangelist
2. Evangelistic message
3. Evangelic Church
4. Evangelism campaign.

The noun of *Euangelion* is *Euangelizo*, which, in English, becomes Evangelism.

An evangelist means a messenger.

An evangelist is the messenger of the evangelistic message of redemption through the blood and the cross of Christ.

Therefore, we can say an evangelist is called to preach the biblical evangelistic message of redemption which saves the sinner.

- ❖ The word Evangel or gospel in the New Testament is always connected to Jesus Christ and the cross.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

The word evangel or evangelic message, therefore, includes the whole evangelistic message of redemption of Jesus Christ and the cross.

When Jesus Christ was born, the angels said, "Good news, a Saviour is born". This was good news.

- Yet the evangelistic message must be preached as a salty message.
- There is a heaven, and there is a hell.
- Only through repentance and accepting Jesus Christ as the only way can we be redeemed and saved.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

Redemption

The full evangelistic message is found in the word redemption.

Jesus Christ is our redeemer and made atonement for our sins, which is called redemption in the New Testament.

We are saved because of redemption.

Redemption is the full evangelistic message.

Compassion Yet No Compromise

Today, people are looking for love.

We are living in a broken world, and people look for love in the wrong way and in the wrong places.

This leads many preachers and evangelists to preach a compromising gospel to satisfy men and men-pleasers, yet we are called to please God.

- ❖ We need to have a compassionate heart for the hurting and lost, and our motivation has to be love.
- ❖ However, we are not, in the name of love, to compromise the evangelistic message.

Compassion

Jesus Christ ministered out of compassion.

Compassion comes out of God's heart of mercy.

He wept when Lazarus died and wept over Jerusalem.

Out of love, the Father sent His Son to save the world and it is the Father's goodness that leads us to repentance.

By God's grace, we receive mercy, and God's mercy pardons our sins when we get saved.

When we minister, love, goodness and compassion should be our motivation, and our hearts should be filled with love for the broken and lost people.

No Compromise

We should not compromise the evangelistic message of the cross or redemption.

We should fear God, and God is not pleased with us if we take away parts of the evangelistic message.

Today, we need revival, reformation and transformation; this can only happen if we repent and turn back to the full message of redemption through the cross of Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not Compromise with the Young Ruler

It says that Jesus loved the young ruler.

Yet, Jesus Christ did not compromise because of His compassion.

Jesus knew that the rich young ruler had an idol called money; He had to confront the rich young ruler's idol, which he loved.

Christ's doctrine is that you can't serve God and money or mammon.

The rich young ruler did not receive eternal life, for he loved his idol or money more.

(Luk 18:23,24) And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Today's preachers need to understand that Christ or God is holy and preach repentance and redemption.

Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan was used by God in the First Great Awakening in the USA.

His main preaching was "Sinners in the hands of an angry God."

America was shaken by the holy presence of God, and many repented and were saved.

This sermon is still the most famous and most discussed message in the USA.

Today, however, believers in the USA find this message hard to understand.

Only in the understanding of the full counsel of God through the message of redemption and the cross of Christ can you appreciate it.

The full message of redemption explains that there is the anger of God whereby sinners are condemned.

Yes, sinners are condemned to hell.

Christ came to save us from this anger or God's judgment, for Christ's redeeming sacrifice is a reconciling and propitiational sacrifice.

This means that because of the redemption, Christ went to hell (Sheol) to pay for our condemnation.

After 3 days, He arose, for He had paid the full price for us.

Redemption means to buy back by paying the full price.

Our God is Holy

Evangelism is needed for we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

The message of the cross of Jesus Christ is here to bring sinners back into a relationship with our holy God.

The Bible shows us that God is holy, which means morally pure, complete or perfect and sacred.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

No one will see God unless they are being made holy.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Therefore, Jesus Christ said that the pure in heart shall see God.

Mat 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

God's Holy Visitation in the Hebrides

In 1948, God's holy presence came down on the Islands of the Hebrides.

One night, people in villages woke up at midnight because God's holy presence descended on them.

They came out of the houses crying out for mercy, for they knew they were sinners.

The time just before this visitation, prayer warriors had asked Evangelist Duncan Campbell to come and hold revival meetings.

God had sent his evangelist to show the biblical way to lost sinners, which is to repent and through faith in Christ's redeeming blood sacrifices, to be saved.

For our holy Father longs for us to be saved and live in a loving relationship with Him.

School of Evangelism

I went to the YWAM School of Evangelism, which was held in the city of Lausanne, Switzerland, where I listened to a tape of Duncan Campbell.

In the last years of his life, he stayed at this YWAM base, for he wanted to impact people to be revivalists.

So, in YWAM, I learnt that the holy presence of God in evangelism through faith in redemption will save the sinner.

Redemption's full story!

- ❖ Salvation is part of the redemption
- ❖ Repentance, which calls us to turn around
- ❖ Forgiveness of our sin
- ❖ Justification of being unrighteous
- ❖ Reconciliation, for we were enemies of God
- ❖ Propitiation, which is saved from judgment and hell
- ❖ Sanctification for our old nature was unholy

All these words fall under atonement or redemption, which is God's full salvation plan.

We need to study these words, so we become good and equipped witnesses and evangelists.

For the rest, look at Chapter 5.

What are we redeemed from?

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
• Death	to life
• Darkness	to light
• Sin	to purity
• Hate	to love
• Fear	to faith in Christ
• Anger	to kindness
• Doom and gloom	to joy

Chapter 7: Be Ye Reconciled to God

Cut to the Heart

- ❖ On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit had been poured out, the Jewish sinners were cut to the heart.

(Act 2:37 AMP) Now when they had heard this, they were stung (cut) to the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles (special messengers), Brethren, what shall we do?

- ❖ On that day, the convicting power of the Holy Spirit was so strong; He was convicting them of their sin, righteousness and judgment.

(Joh 16:8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Apostle Peter preached a powerful message.

He preached how Christ had ministered with great miracles, signs and wonders, yet the people He had been good to gave Him up to be crucified.

Yet God raised Christ up from hell and death and set him upon the throne of David and heaven's throne until His enemies would be dealt with.

(Act 2:34-36) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

As a result of this, they knew that they were enemies of Christ and God and had sinned, for they saw the signs of the fire of the Spirit of God on the heads of the apostles and were convicted.

- ❖ Then they knew that they were enemies of God and needed to be reconciled to God and Christ.

The Jews asked what they could do to be saved.

- ❖ Peter replied, repent and be baptised.

(Act 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The convicting power of the Holy Spirit had convicted them of sin, righteousness and judgment; therefore, they knew they were enemies of God and needed to be reconciled to God, as they were cut to their hearts.

Redemption and Reconciliation

Before we repented and believed, we were enemies of God.

(Rom 5:9,10) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- ❖ Through the redeeming blood of Christ and the redemption, we are saved from our sins and God's eternal judgement of condemnation into the burning fires of hell.

In God's redemption plan, we are firstly justified through faith in Christ and the blood sacrifice that He gave on the cross and then reconciled to God, because of the covering of the judgment which we also call propitiation. Therefore, as we repent and believe, we receive reconciliation, forgiveness and salvation.

Loving Much

We need to see all of these aspects and understand how much God saved us and had mercy on us. We need to let the love of Christ, who bled on the cross for us, died and took God's judgment of hell upon himself, break our hearts.

- ❖ We need to be cut to the heart by the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment.

The woman in the Bible who saw that she was forgiven much, loved Christ in a greater way. We need to become like this.

I was Cut to my Heart

When I was 23 years old, I was living in Hawaii and visited the Youth With A Mission base called the University of the Nations.

I was living in sin and had a small business in Hawaii.

On one Friday night, the founder of the mission, Loren Cunningham, was moved by the Holy Spirit in a mighty way as he preached a message about total surrender.

I was cut to the heart by the light of the Spirit of God revealing my sin, rebellion and darkness.

(1Jn 1:5,6) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

The next day, I was confused and did not know what to do.

On Sunday, I took Johan and his wife, Jeanette Lukase, around the Big Island to show them the effect of the volcanic eruption of Mount Mauna Loa, as burning lava was running down the hills.

They showed me scriptures about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a book about the revival in Timor.

On Monday, I repented of my sin, and as I surrendered, I was baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire.

I never fell back, and step by step, I was set free of the effects of sin, darkness and demonic strongholds in my life.

I was set on a path of surrender and brokenness as I was cut to my heart and surrendered to the will of God in my life.

I surrendered my will and life to God more deeply.

Surrendering Our Will

- ❖ To live the true Christian life and, one day, be able to enter into heaven, we have to learn to surrender our will and learn to do the will of Father God.

(Mat 7:21) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- ❖ Our God is holy, and therefore, we are not only called to be saved but to be redeemed and saved to the uttermost.

Many who claim to be Christian have never surrendered their will and their life to God.

- ❖ Therefore, they live for me, myself and I and do not have the true fruit of repentance, the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

As times get difficult, many will stop believing and be part of what the Bible calls the great falling away.

True redemption starts with repentance and surrender to God's heart and will and dying to self.

- ❖ Seeing that you were bad to the bone and becoming broken of self, me and I and that you were an enemy of God are of great importance.
- ❖ In all of this, we need to surrender our will to God so we can truly bring forth the fruit of the kingdom by which we are known by God.

(Mat 7:20) Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Then we are building upon the rock and not upon sand.

Those who go through this refining fire and a surrendered life will shine forth God's light.

Yet, many who do not go through it will stand on shaky ground, and many of them will fall away.

(Mat 7:26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Being Redeemed

Jesus Christ is our redeemer and came to redeem us.

We were lost sinners living in darkness and were enemies of God.

Redemption deals with all aspects of salvation.

All aspects of redemption we find in the Book of Romans.

(Rom 3:24,25) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Redemption's Full Story

1. Repentance
2. Forgiveness of our sin
3. Salvation
4. Justification
5. Reconciliation
6. Covered (propitiation) from God's anger and hell
7. Sanctification

Redemption brings us:

1. Forgiveness of sin
Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
2. Justification, which means forgiven and made righteous
Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
3. Reconciliation, which is an exchange from an enemy to a friend of God

Rom 5:9-10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

4. Propitiation is being set free from eternal death and hell

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

5. Sanctified, which is given God's divine nature.

This is by salvation and being born again.

(Joh 3:6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

(2Pe 1:3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Reconciliation

❖ Now we are going to study reconciliation.

❖ Reconciliation is an element of redemption.

We as sinners and rebels were enemies of God.

Therefore, we need to be reconciled with God.

A strong Evangelistic Message

❖ We are called to preach a strong gospel message.

❖ Out of love and compassion, we preach a strong evangelistic message of redemption.

❖ A strong evangelistic message is based upon the fear of God, as God is holy.

In the New Testament, it says that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

Apostle Paul, who had been struck blind by God for 3 days, said, knowing the terror of the Lord, be ye reconciled to God.

2Co 5:10-11 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (11) Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Judgment Seat of Christ

Our God never changes.

Therefore, it says, BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD.

2Co 5:18-21 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (21) For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

We were enemies of God; therefore, we need to be reconciled.

Reconciliation means to make peace between two opponents.

(Rom 5:9,10) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

- God does not need to reconcile with us, for He is holy.
- We are the ones who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and therefore we need to repent and be reconciled to God, His Word, and His ways.

(Rom 3:23) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

We need to let the work of the cross minister to us daily to set us free from self and live for Christ.

- ❖ For, on that day, our inner life will be revealed.
- ❖ Our inner life will show if we are a sheep or a goat.

It says we will be made manifest.

The glory is God's manifest presence and will show His purity, love, mercy, goodness, etc.

When we are made manifest, it will show if we are pure and loving or if we are living in hidden sin, life formed in pride, hate, etc.

Go through the refiner's fire now.

Then on that day, we will be blessed.

2Co 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

The Mercy Seat

Through Christ's redemptive blood sacrifices, we are reconciled as we receive propitiation.

Reconciliation and propitiation are similar words in the Greek language, and they are appeasing sacrifices that cover.

What Apostle Paul was saying was that we need to be covered from the eternal wrath or anger of God.

Rom 5:9,10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The law of the first mention is very important here.

Apostle Paul is talking about how God showed these truths of atonement and redemption to Israel here.

Being covered from God's anger, in the Hebrew mindset, goes back to the day of Atonement.

In Hebrew, this is called Yom Kippur.

- ❖ Yom means day, and Kippur means covered; therefore, it means the day of being covered.

Covered from what? From God's eternal judgment.

That is why the Ark of the Covenant had a mercy seat.

In Hebrew, they call the mercy seat the cover.

God's holy presence was on the cover or seat of the Ark of the Covenant.

Under the cover of the Ark of the Covenant is the Law or 10 Commandments.

They show that we are sinners; therefore, the merciful blood of Christ protects us.

So that we can receive mercy through the blood of Christ and be protected from eternal judgment, which is a picture of the throne in heaven.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

In the Dutch language, we call it the 'verzoen deksel' which means the covering chair that brings reconciliation. This is much closer to the Hebrew meaning.

Redemption deals with all.

For through redemption, we are reconciled to God and can be saved from the anger and eternal damnation to receive Christ's resurrection life as we are also justified.

Rom 5:9,10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Mercy Seat Song at Revival

In the Brownsville Revival, there was a song sung each time the sinners were called to come to the altar for repentance.

The song was called, 'The Mercy Seat.'

The words say, 'I am running, I am running to the mercy seat.'

Thousands ran to the front under the conviction of the Holy Spirit because of their sin.

At the mercy seat, so to speak, there is forgiveness of sin, and it is a place of refuge from the eternal judgment of God because of the blood sacrifice, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Brian Melvin before the Heavenly Judge

In 1980, Brian Melvin died from a water-borne disease.

He died as a militant atheist.

Out of his militant atheistic view, he used to love to go and tell street evangelists how wrong they were according to his viewpoint.

As he died, he went toward the great light of God, towards God's heavenly dwelling.

As he went there, along the way, he heard singing, and they sang, 'We are made as eternal beings for God placed eternity in our heart.'

Ecc 3:11(AMP) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds (a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy), yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

He was taught by heavenly voices said that God is perfect, just, and faithful.

As he was coming toward the holy God, he knew that he was going to be judged by our God who is perfect.

As he saw the person of Christ, light was coming out of Him.

Christ the Lord of Glory, who was his judge, rebuked him about his unbelief and sin.

The Lord said, 'Hold onto My name and My title of Christ, as I sent you into hell so your silver cord would not break'.

He was sent to see the place of eternal judgement, which we also call hell, so he knew these eternal truths.

The Lord said He would take Melvin back to earth after he had visited hell to be a witness for God's glory.

Soon after, Melvin came back from his near-death experience, and he became a true believer. He then became an evangelist and led many to Christ.

Melvin needed Reconciliation

Melvin was an atheist and thought he was okay, as he was a good person.

He saw the holy presence of God and was condemned to hell.

He saw that God was real and God did not change.

❖ What Melvin needed was to be reconciled to God, for he was a rebel and an enemy of God.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Sin's Effect on God

Sin affects God; it seeks to rob God of His honour as God and Lord.

Sin provokes God to anger, for sin tries to undermine God's authority and attack His position of sovereign authority.

Lucifer, or Satan, said, 'I will set my throne above God's throne'.

Here we see the effect sin has on God.

Isa 14:13-15 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

God dealt with Satan and threw him out of heaven, and then prepared hell for Satan and the fallen angels.

A Debt before God

As we have sinned and God is holy, we have a debt before God.

Not only do we have a debt before God because of our sins, but also because we were rebels, enemies and had a sinful nature.

Col 1:20-21 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (21) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Children of Wrath

As Melvin was a sinner and a rebel, he was also a child of God's wrath.

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

He was an enemy of the evangelists and their preaching, thereby an enemy of God.

For he abused the preacher who had preached Christ.

Therefore, God showed Melvin the place where the children of wrath go. They are sent to hell.

God, who is also merciful, gave Melvin one more chance. Melvin took it, believed, was saved, and became an evangelist.

Reconciliation

Can the effect of sin upon God, awakening His wrath, be removed?

Yes, through reconciliation.

What is Reconciliation?

The meaning of reconciliation is:

- a. To cover
- b. Exchange
- c. From enemy to friend

Reconciliation is a propitiating sacrifice that covers us from God's anger on us, for we were enemies of God and therefore, children of wrath.

Jesus Christ took God's anger away

- ❖ We are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.
- ❖ We are reconciled back to God because of the redeeming blood of the cross of Christ.

(Eph 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Redemption is being bought back.

Christ paid the price for our redemption with His blood; therefore, we are reconciled.

(1Pe 1:18,19) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

We are bought with the price of the blood of Jesus Christ because of redemption and thereby reconciled back with God.

For God's eternal anger to be taken away from a sinner, Jesus Christ needed to give His blood, die, take our punishment and be resurrected.

Rom 5:9-10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows us that there is forgiveness of sin, God's judgment is taken away because of the reconciliation, and we can receive a new divine nature and can be made righteous because we have been justified.

Repentance

- ❖ When we see that God is holy and we were sinners and rebels in the light of His reconciliation, which is part of being redeemed, we can start to understand the importance of repentance.

God is holy, therefore stable, and righteous. Our nature was dark, fallen, and rebellious.

Christ came out of God to reconcile us to God through His blood sacrifice, death, and resurrection.

Now we must first repent as we see how far we have fallen.

We need to repent, believe, and be reconciled to God just as Brian Melvin was.

He became a great light and witness of the goodness and mercy of God as he was redeemed and reconciled with God.

True Repentance and Evangelism

- ❖ True evangelism preaches the full message of redemption and calls the sinners to repent and reconcile with God.
- ❖ True evangelists let the Holy Spirit convict the sinners in their conscience and their hearts.

Chapter 8: Reconciliation gives us Shalom and Peace

Reconciled back to Yahweh

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to redeem us so we would be able to come back into relationship and fellowship with our Creator.

Our Creator is known throughout the scripture as the Lord God.

One of the names whereby the Bible reveals who our God is is YHWH Shalom.

Part of Christ's redemption is called reconciliation, whereby we are restored to the shalom or peace of YHWH Shalom.

In the Old Testament, the word shalom appears more than 250 times.

Shalom is much more than peace, yet peace is part of shalom.

In the Hebrew scriptures, Christ is called Sar Shalom.

This means the Prince of Peace.

Delivered From Darkness

- ❖ Christ is our redeemer and came to redeem us. Part of the redemption is reconciliation.

We were God's enemies as we were sinners and rebels, so we were part of the kingdom of darkness.

(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

As we are delivered and saved from Satan's domain and reconciled to God, then we will receive shalom or peace in our hearts and have shalom or peace with God.

(Col 1:20) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Sar Shalom or Prince of Peace

In the Hebrew or Old Testament, Christ is called Sar Shalom, which means Prince of Peace.

(Isa 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

We, who had sinned and rebelled against God, who made a pact with Satan, need to be reconciled back to God or YHWH Shalom.

God did not need to reconcile Himself to us, but we, the offenders, need to be reconciled back to God.

- ❖ The good news is that Christ, who came to redeem us back to God, also reconciles us with the God of Shalom or peace.

Christ Reconciled us:

1. He is our Peace

Christ came as our shalom or peace, for it says He is our peace.

(Eph 2:14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

2. Made Peace

Christ made shalom or peace for us, for He reconciled us back unto God.

(Eph 2:15, 16) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

For He made shalom or peace for us by reconciling us back unto God, both Jew and Gentile.

3. Preached Peace

Christ came preaching shalom or peace.

(Eph 2:17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

God's Kingdom is Peace or Shalom

Everywhere Jesus came, He preached, repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Therefore He preached peace or shalom.

Everywhere He brought shalom and told the disciples to leave peace or shalom with the people.

Through The Cross

❖ Christ offered up His flesh on the cross.

(Eph 2:16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

❖ He gave His flesh to be crucified to take away the enmity caused by the Law with its decrees and ordinances so that we could receive shalom or peace with God.

For we were enemies of God, and reconciliation brings eternal life and shalom or peace between God and us.

(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Covenant of Shalom

There is a law called the law of the first mention.

Shalom or peace is first mentioned when God made a covenant of shalom or peace with Israel.

(Num 25:12) Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

Through Christ, we have become part of the commonwealth of Israel and all its promises and blessings.

(Eph 2:12) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

(Eph 2:17 - 19) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Through the reconciliation, as Gentiles, we have become one new man with the Jews.

(Eph 2:16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Now, in Christ, we are both part of the New Covenant of shalom or peace with YWH Shalom or God.

A Covenant of Shalom

- ❖ Under Moses, God made a covenant of Shalom.

(Num 25:12) Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

This happened because Balaam, who was a Midianite, had said to Balak, king of Moab and king of Midian, 'Let the women of your people fornicate with the men of Israel. Then they will be judged by their God.

Out of the holy zeal of the Lord, Phineas the priest did right in the sight of God.

He killed an idol-worshipping Israelite.

- ❖ God gave the covenant of shalom or peace because Phineas the priest killed the Midianite woman and Israelite man who bowed before Baal-Peor.

YHWH Shalom

The angel of the Lord came to Gideon to call him to deliver Israel from the Midianites.

He called Gideon a mighty warrior.

Then Gideon makes an offering to the angel of the Lord on a rock. The angel of the Lord puts the rock on fire, and the sacrifices are consumed.

(Jdg 6:21) Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

As the angel of the Lord rose up, Gideon became fearful as he had seen the Lord, and the Lord said to him, Shalom.

- ❖ The Lord God reveals to Gideon that He is the God of Shalom.

Shalom is so much more than peace.

(Jdg 6:22) And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

God Reveals His Shalom to Gideon

Then Gideon built an altar unto the Lord.

He calls it Yahweh Shalom.

(Jdg 6:24) Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

For he had the revelation that God is a God of shalom; this is part of who God is, and His kingdom is also a kingdom of peace.

Here we see the law of first mention fulfilled about our God being a God of shalom, and anywhere it says peace in the English version of the Bible, we can read shalom.

A Heavenly Encounter

There was a lady who lost her husband.

In all of her sadness and some financial mistakes, they tried to take her house from her.

The case ended up in court.

As she was praying and crying out to the Lord, she was caught up into heaven.

She experienced an overwhelming peace, yet she said it was much more than that; it was shalom.

❖ Shalom is a greater realm of peace, rest, and victory all in one.

For YHWH Shalom is seated on the throne of heaven; therefore, heaven is full of Shalom.

This shalom of the one on the throne is what she experienced.

Then, in heaven, she was told that she would get her home back; this happened soon after.

Heaven's Paradise is Full of Shalom

❖ Heaven's paradise is a place full of joy, love and peace or shalom.

To understand the greater realm of heaven's paradise in heaven we have to understand the word shalom.

Shalom is a Hebrew word that is so much richer in its range of meanings than peace.

❖ Shalom means wholeness, completeness, perfection, safety and wellness.

Shalom comes from living in harmony with God.

Out of God's being comes shalom.

Heaven's paradise is a place of shalom; God made the covenant of shalom with Israel.

(Num 25:12) Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

The fruit of that oneness with God's shalom is harmony with others, blessings, health, satisfaction, soundness, wholeness and well-being.

Shalom is a common term for greeting or farewell in modern-day Israel.

The Gospel of Shalom

Christ, who reconciled us with God the Father, preached peace or shalom wherever He went.

The gospel is a gospel of shalom or peace.

(Eph 2:17 (AMP)) And He came and preached the glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off and (peace) to those who were near.

The Bible contains both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Together they also show the full attributes, character and power of God.

Now we are going to see some Old Testament scriptures about shalom or peace.

The King James Bible even gives us the word shalom when it gives the names of God as YHWH Shalom.

(Jdg 6:24) Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

When you read the Hebrew Bible, you will see the word shalom around 250 times.

So we should learn to substitute the word peace with the word shalom when we read the Old and New Testaments.

Old Testament Scriptures about Shalom or Peace

❖ Gideon's altar was to proclaim that God is YHWH Shalom.

(Jdg 6:24) Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Here in the English Bible, we see that the name of God is YHWH Shalom.

Therefore, we can learn to substitute shalom for peace when we read the Bible.

(Isa 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

It says here that Christ, the Prince of peace, would be born. In Hebrew, it calls Him Sar Shalom.

(Num 6:26) The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The priestly Aaronic blessing is a blessing of shalom.

(Psa 29:11) The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

The Lord will bless His people with shalom.

(Psa 122:6) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Therefore, praying for the peace of Jerusalem is praying for the shalom of Jerusalem.

2 Words Connected to Shalom

1. Shalam

Shalam is the root word that the word shalom springs forth from.

Meaning of Shalam:

❖ Make amends

❖ Make restitution

❖ Restore or make good again

2. Selem

Selem is making peace of Shalom offerings.

In the name of heavenly Jerusalem, we find the 3 words of shalom, shalam and selem.

(Heb 12:22) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heavenly Jerusalem, A Priestly City

- ❖ The word shalom is to make amends, restitution and selem is to make peace or shalom offerings.

Heavenly Jerusalem is the heavenly city of Shalom, and we can only go there through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came by the order of Melchizedek, who brought bread and wine to Abraham.

(Heb 7:1,2) For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

Therefore, heavenly Jerusalem is a priestly city and only through the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ can we enter this heavenly sanctuary.

Redemption, Salvation and Reconciliation Bring Shalom

These are different elements, but all are part of redemption.

One of the words connected to Christ's redeeming us is reconciliation.

Reconciliation makes amends with God and brings restoration and restitution which all makes peace or shalom with God.

<u>Meaning of Shalom</u>	<u>Reconciliation of the cross brings us:</u>
Rest	Peace or shalom, for Christ, is our shalom or peace.
Peace	(Eph 2:14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
Deliverance	Oneness with God
Victory	Rest
Breakthrough	Peace
Healing	Deliverance
Holistic wellness	Victory
Provision and blessings	Breakthrough
Safety	Divine healing for our spirit
Favour	Divine healing for our soul
	Divine healing for our body
	Holistic wellness
	Blessings and provision
	Safety
	Favour



3 Outworkings of Reconciliation that Bring Shalom or Peace

In Ephesians 2, Apostle Paul made three statements about Christ's redeeming work and its reconciliation that brings peace or shalom.

1. He is our peace or shalom

(Eph 2:14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Christ is our shalom or peace.

All these godly qualities, divine life and its power are in us.

As we are reconciled to God by Christ's blood sacrifice, Christ has become our peace or shalom.

Christ also becomes our peace or shalom because we serve YHWH Shalom; His shalom, through Christ, also becomes our authority and power against fear, restlessness and anxiety.

Therefore, we can weaponise His shalom as a weapon to drive out a spirit of depression and unrest in our lives or our environment.

❖ Therefore, let the shalom or peace of God be your umpire, which is your ruling force.

2. He made peace

The cross is the power of God for us.

(1Co 1:18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

❖ The sacrificial sacrifices of Christ on the cross took the enmity between God and man away.

❖ Therefore, as we believe, the power of shalom or peace can be released into our lives.

This releases the shalom or peace in our lives.

(Eph 1:16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

The body of Christ sacrificed on the cross dealt with all our sins and failures.

We had sinned against the righteous laws and commandments, yet Christ carried our penalties on the cross and made peace with God for us.

(Eph 1:16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Christ reconciled us to God; therefore, God's anger is taken away, and we can live in His shalom or peace, for Christ was made peace and is our peace.

3. Christ preached peace

Everywhere Christ went, He released the shalom, for everywhere Christ came, He preached the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is righteousness, shalom or peace and joy.

Therefore, Christ Jesus preached shalom or peace with God through faith in Him.

(Rom 14:17) For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Therefore, shalom is a big force and a godly attribute of God and His kingdom.

Christ, therefore, came preaching peace or shalom.

(Eph 2:17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

We are also called to preach shalom or peace.

We are given the shoes of shalom or peace of the kingdom of shalom.

(Eph 6:15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

There is authority in this approach of the shoes of the gospel of shalom or peace for it says that the God of shalom or peace shall soon crush Satan under your feet.

Therefore, in His shalom, we are victorious.

(Rom 16:20) And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Shalom Versus False Peace

Today, the New Age movement is moving in a false peace.

It is a feminist, hippie, slithering snake movement.

The roots of this movement are in Asia's Himalayan mountains.

New Agers do false peace signs with their fingers, which bring false peace and a false fire.

When Jesus Christ came, He openly confronted the false peace spirits of false kingdom gods.

Everywhere He went, he said, repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

(Mat 4:17) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Christ came preaching shalom for YHWH Shalom is the God of true shalom or peace.

YHWH Shalom defeated the Midianite army by using Gideon's army.

Christ defeated the false snake of peace of Satan on the cross.

(Joh 3:15,16) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

If we want to receive that true shalom where true peace is a part, we need to repent and believe and be delivered from any false bondage.

Chapter 9: Day of Atonement and Resurrection Life

Christ said, 'I am Alive'

There is a great release of power when we preach about the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

- ❖ It is important to understand the victory that Christ had over hell, death and the power of Satan and his darkness.

Rev 1:18 *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Apostle Peter preached about the Resurrection

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preaches the cross and the resurrection.

As Jesus has risen, God made Jesus both the Messiah or Christ and Lord.

Therefore, He put Jesus Christ on the right hand of the throne in heaven.

Peter then said that this also led Christ to pour out His Holy Spirit.

Act 2:32-34 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. (34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

The Lame Man at Gate Beautiful

There was a lame man brought daily to a gate at the temple

The gate was called beautiful.

It was called beautiful because it was the way to the Holy of Holies where we worship God in the beauty of holiness.

Act 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Jesus walked past this man many times when He ministered in Jerusalem.

He could have healed the man any of these times, yet Father God did not tell Him to do so.

- ❖ Father God planned to use this man and the miracle to demonstrate the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to Israel and us, and that the Holy of Holies is open.

This miracle would happen at a gate of the temple to demonstrate to the people of Israel:

1. The veil was torn, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we could be redeemed and saved.
2. Christ was resurrected.
3. Christ was seated at God the Father's right hand on the heavenly throne.
4. There was resurrection power available for miracles to happen.
5. We can now worship the Father in the beauty of holiness and enter boldly before the throne.

One day, soon after the day of Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John went into the temple at the hour of prayer.

Act 3:1-2 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour. (2) And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

As they entered the Gate Beautiful, the lame man who was lying there daily asked them for alms. Then Apostle Peter, who had the same Spirit in him that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk'.

Act 3:6-10 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (7) And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. (8) And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (9) And all the people saw him walking and praising God: (10) And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

In his ministry, Apostle Peter majored in the name of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

He understood that when you combine the name of Jesus and the power of the resurrection, great miracles will happen.

The Lame man was healed by the Name of Jesus Christ and Resurrection Power

When we learn to move in the true power of resurrection and life, the signs, wonders and miracles will happen in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is how the Apostle Peter and the Apostle John healed the lame man at the Gate Beautiful.

- ❖ The secret to this miracle lies in that the Apostles understood the power of the resurrection.
- ❖ They understood that preaching in the name of Jesus Christ and about the resurrection would release God's hand to move.

Act 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

It says that with great power, the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This released a greater grace and greater miracles.

The Apostles knew when they moved in resurrection power, the keys of the kingdom would be operating.

Boldness or Breakthrough Power

The breakthrough victorious power lies in Jesus Christ's resurrection, which releases the greater power of God.

The power in the name of Jesus Christ is there because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The resurrection shows us that there is power in the blood of Jesus Christ to forgive us of sin and unrighteousness and to save us from eternal punishment.

The resurrection shows us that Father God accepted Christ's sacrifice.

As the apostles knew that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead and alive, God's power moved when they spoke and ministered in the name of Jesus Christ.

When they spoke to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, they were filled with faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and spoke with power in His name, "Be healed".

Act 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

The priests of Israel tried to stop them because they spoke in the name of Jesus Christ and about the resurrection.

Apostles Peter and John were witnessing about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which would demonstrate to them that Jesus is the Messiah.

Act 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

This led to them being persecuted, for Satan did not want this truth to be understood by the common man.

Therefore, Apostles Peter and John were arrested because they preached about the name of Jesus Christ and His resurrection.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection at all.

Act 4:1-4 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, (2) Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. (3) And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. (4) Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

❖ Understanding the resurrection is of high importance.

When Jesus Christ was raised by God the Father in Hades, Jesus Christ stripped Satan and triumphed over him. He took the key back that Satan had stolen from Adam and Eve.

Rev 1:18 *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Most preachers only preach about the resurrection on Resurrection Sunday, yet today, we have to shift and learn to live daily in the resurrection whereby God pours out His life in us.

Then Apostle Peter and John had to appear before the Council of the Sanhedrin and its leaders.

Apostle Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, said that Jesus Christ rose and therefore, the lame man was made whole in the name of Jesus Christ.

Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Building Shaken

When Apostles Peter and John were released, they called for a prayer meeting so they would be able to have power over these attacks.

Then God's Holy Spirit power shook them and gave them greater power and boldness; even the whole building was shaking.

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

The results were that the apostles went out with greater power and boldness, giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Act 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Preaching about Christ's resurrection released great grace.

Even today, in the religious teaching of Islam, they deny the resurrection of our Lord.

The Roman Catholic crosses still have Christ on the cross, yet the grave in Jerusalem is empty; Christ is risen.

Religious preaching stops the power of God, while the preaching of the cross is the power of God because it includes the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Cost of Resurrection Life

- ❖ The resurrection shows God's holy approval of Jesus Christ's redeeming sacrifice. For our sin and that our eternal judgement has been paid for.
- ❖ Therefore, through faith in Christ, we can be born again and become a new creation.

Our Lord Jesus Christ spent 3 days in Hades to pay for our eternal damnation in hell.

The scapegoat that was released on the Day of Atonement was a picture of this.

Christ's redeeming sacrifice is most deeply understood in the 2 goats on the Day of Atonement.

The 2 Goats on the Day of Atonement: A Propitiational Sacrifice

Atonement is the Old Testament word that becomes redemption in the New Testament.

1. One goat was to atone for our sins.

This one was for the forgiveness of sin so we can become a new creation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2. One goat for our eternal punishment in hell, which covers us and saves us from the eternal wrath of God.

The Bible says that every day, God is angry with sinners; therefore, we need salvation.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

A Propitiational Sacrifice went to Hell

Christ's resurrection is so great because it shows us that our holy God received Christ's propitiational sacrifice.

The propitiation part of redemption is that Christ went to hell for 3 days.

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

After 3 days, Christ's sacrifice was complete, and God raised Jesus Christ back to life.

Now Christ lives in us through the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the same power that raised Christ from the grave is also inside us.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Therefore, God could use Peter and John to heal the lame man at the gate Beautiful.

- ❖ Christ, with His blood, not only paid for our sins but also paid for us with His death so that God's eternal wrath is to be taken away.
- ❖ You see, if Christ did not die, you would still be under God's eternal judgment, but Christ took it away.

Therefore, He needed to die and be in the grave and Hades for three days and nights.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Therefore, we are saved by Christ's life.

This is the resurrection life in Christ.

This shows how great Christ's resurrection really is.

Christ's Sacrifice Breaks Death's Power

Some people and tribes have a great fear of death.

Some tribes worship the power of death, but Christ's blood sacrifices, death, and being raised to life broke the power of death.

(Rom 3:24,25) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Christ was our scapegoat, for in the flesh He was tempted just like us and then became a propitiational sacrifice that covers us from God's eternal judgment and our hostility as an enemy.

Heb 2:17-18 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. (18) For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Christ's Propitiational Sacrifices:

1. Covered us from God's eternal judgment
2. Reconciled us to stop us from being an enemy and thereby become a friend of God.

His Death is part of the Sacrifice

❖ **Christ's death was part of His redeeming propitiational sacrifice to save us.**

If He did not die and rise from the dead back to life, then we would still be in sin and eternal damnation.

It says we are reconciled by his death.

No death of Christ = No reconciliation.

Due to His death, we are reconciled.

For the moment He died, when He gave up His Spirit, the curtain of the Holy of Holies was ripped.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

In this chapter in Corinthians, Apostle Paul comes against the false teachings of the Sadducees.

They falsely stated that there is no resurrection, yet God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Due to His resurrection by our Father God, we can live eternally in God's glory.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Therefore, we are saved by His life.

The resurrection is God's seal on our redemption.

The Scapegoat saves Johnny

John Ramirez was a warlock in the city of New York.

He did much evil, and through his spells, people suffered, were injured, and some died.

He had several chances to get saved, yet his pride stopped him.

Then God gave him the last chance.

He had a near-death experience, where he saw himself in hell with no way out.

Then a cross appeared in hell, and the voice of God said, 'Johnny, this is your last chance.'

In hell, he repented, and God let him live as Johnny surrendered his life to Christ.

Jesus Christ, as the scapegoat, went to hell for Johnny to overcome hell, death and the grave and was risen so we can live.

Now Johnny is an evangelist and a prayer warrior.

The Redemption

Redemption is the whole package of what Christ did through His blood sacrifice on the cross, His death, being in Hades and His resurrection.

This all falls under redemption:

1. Forgiveness of our sins
2. Faith, salvation or born again
3. Justification
4. Sanctification
5. Propitiation
6. Reconciliation

Rom 3:23-26 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (24) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; (26) To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

As true evangelists and witnesses, we need to understand these truths.

As evangelists, we need to be able to preach the message of redemption and its aspects like propitiation and reconciliation.

The Day of Atonement

The Day of Atonement opens the heavens.

When Christ died on the cross as a fulfilment of the Day of Atonement, the curtain in the temple ripped.

At that moment, the heavens were opened for the true worshippers.

Therefore, the river of life was released from heaven down to earth.

The Ark of the Covenant that Moses made was a symbol of the throne of God's kingdom in heaven.

Therefore, if we believe, heaven is now open for us.

- ❖ Now, because of the blood of Christ shed on the Day of Atonement or at Passover, we have the boldness to come before the throne of grace in heaven.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

It releases us to freely worship before heaven's throne and to have a deep intimacy with the Godhead in heaven.

- ❖ Christ's work on the cross in the light of the Day of Atonement reconciles us to God the Father in heaven because it is our propitiational sacrifice and justifies us before the courts of heaven.
- ❖ Christ's sacrifice, in the light of Yom Kippur, or Atonement, releases revival fire in us, for this is the place of God's fiery jealousy.

Son 8:6-7 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. (7) Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

God is Holy

The Day of Atonement shows us that our God is holy, and it reflects God's holy presence in heaven.

The Bible shows us different scenes in heaven where God's presence is being worshipped.

The angels say Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Our God is holy and a consuming fire.

No sin can enter His holy presence.

Therefore, it says that in the presence of God, the mountains melt like wax.

Psa 97:5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

❖ On the day of Passover, Israel remembered that they were set free from Egypt's slavery.

On Passover, we, as believers, remember that Jesus Christ died for our sins, redeemed us and bought us back from sin and slavery.

❖ Today, as believers, the day of Atonement teaches us that we are forgiven of sin and eternal damnation and can live in the presence of our holy God.

The Ark of The Covenant

In the Tabernacle of Moses, the Ark of the Covenant was found in the Holy of Holies.

The Ark is also called the Ark of God's presence.

God's holy, glorious presence was in the Holy of Holies as God was seated on the mercy seat.

The true meaning of the Hebrew word for mercy seat is cover or covering.

Why do we need a mercy seat or covering on the Ark?

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

The Law shows that we are sinners.

For in the Ark are the Ten Commandments, and the Bible says that we all have sinned against God's righteousness and broken His Ten Commandments.

❖ Therefore, the blood on the mercy seat or its cover protects us from God's wrath or anger!

❖ Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the blood of a goat was put on this mercy seat so all Israel's sins would be forgiven.

The Day of Atonement

Israel's most holy day is known as Yom Kippur.

We call it the Day of Atonement; this day is an ever-present theme woven throughout the pages of Scripture.

Lev 23:27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Three and one-half millennia after its divine institution, Yom Kippur still wields a powerful influence over culture and worship in Israel.

The Day of Atonement provides a necessary backdrop for understanding the full scope of the Messiah's payment for sin.

Meaning of the Day of Atonement

- ❖ The Hebrew for the Day of Atonement is Yom Kippur.
- ❖ Yom means Day
- ❖ Kippur means to cover.
- ❖ Therefore, atonement means to cover.
- ❖ It was on the Day of Atonement that atonement or covering was made for the sins of the previous year.

Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Passover is the coming out of Egypt's slavery. It shows the way of salvation.

Day of Atonement is standing before a holy God.

- This shows that Christ is our Lord and Saviour.

On the Day of Atonement, once a year, the High Priest was permitted to enter the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and stand before the holy presence of God.

- Now we are called daily to live in the Holy of Holies, yet this is only possible to experience daily as we make Christ Lord and Saviour in our lives.

For our God is holy.

Two Goats

Christ's sacrifice was a propitiation sacrifice, which means it covers us from our sin, sinful nature and the anger and eternal judgment of God.

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

The soul that sins dies spiritually.

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

God's eternal judgement for a sinner is to live in hell's fire.

On the Day of Atonement, there were two goats made ready to sacrifice!

Lev 16:5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

- ❖ Two goats for a sin covering

Two Goats as a Propitiational Redeeming Sacrifice

1. One Goat's Blood for the Mercy Seat

One goat was sacrificed, and its blood was brought into the Holy of Holies, sprinkled on the mercy seat to atone for Israel's sin.

The goat's body was then burnt.

(Lev 6:30) And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

2. One Goat for the Wilderness

The two goats together were a single sacrifice.

The second goat was sent into the wilderness after Israel's sin was placed on it.

We call this the wilderness goat.

Why was there a goat sent into the wilderness?

For this wilderness goat showed us the deeper meaning of Christ's death and resurrection.

On the cross, Christ's blood paid for our sins, yet in Hades (the place of burning) Christ spiritually died for us and took God's eternal judgment of hell upon Himself. This is the depth of atonement or redemption and the wilderness goat.

Part of redemption or atonement is propitiation.

1Jn 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

- ❖ Through Christ's death, which He underwent for three days and nights, He redeemed us to God and took away His anger, for it was a propitiational sacrifice.

Propitiation

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Propitiation means to cover us

Therefore, propitiation also means to cover us from God's eternal anger.

The wilderness goat was for Azazel.

Azazel is the chief of the Se'irim or goat demons, who haunted the deserts and to whom most primitive tribes offered sacrifices.

Lev 16:8-10 (TLB) It is to cast sacred lots to determine which goat will be reserved as an offering to the Lord and which will carry the sins of the people to the wilderness of Azazel. 9 Aaron will then present as a sin offering the goat chosen by lot for the Lord. 10 The other goat, the scapegoat chosen by lot to be sent away, will be kept alive, standing before the Lord. When it is sent away to Azazel in the wilderness, the people will be purified and made right with the Lord.

At times, people in Israel were led astray by this worship of the goat idols or goat demons, which today is called Baphomet.

Lev 17:7 (TLB) The people must no longer be unfaithful to the Lord by offering sacrifices to the goat idols. This is a permanent law for them to be observed from generation to generation.

Azazel is one of the fallen angels that is bound by God today and is waiting in a dark place to be eternally condemned.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jesus said that when a demon is cast out, it is sent to a wilderness, and like these fallen angels, into a prison of darkness in the earth.

- ❖ The wilderness goat was a prophetic picture of Christ's sacrifice, that after He paid for our sins with His blood, He died and was sent into Hades (hell) to pay for our spiritual death and God's eternal judgment.

Act 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Resurrection Life and God's Glory

It was the glory of God whereby Jesus Christ was raised back to life.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

In the resurrection lie many keys to release the kingdom of God and its power here on earth.

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

We are called to walk in the power of the resurrection and in the newness of life which comes to us in Christ through His resurrection.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

To move in mighty power comes by the same power whereby God the Father raised up our Lord Jesus Christ. On the day of the resurrection, as Christ arose, the earth shook, and dead saints also arose; some of them were seen in Jerusalem.

Mat 27:52-53 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, (53) And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

The resurrection of the saints from the dead on resurrection day shows that Christ had defeated Satan and the power of death and that He had taken the keys off Satan that he had stolen from Adam and Eve.

The Power of Christ's Life

Our faith lies in Christ's sacrifice and His resurrection and life.

Apostle Paul says that if you do not believe in Christ's resurrection, your faith is in vain.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Why is the resurrection so important? Because it is part of our justification.

God's anger over our sin and rebellion is taken away.

Therefore, the price for us not to go to hell is paid.

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

As Christ is alive, we are justified, and God has accepted His sacrifice in full.

The Father's covenant with Christ was that Christ would be raised from the dead by God the Father; therefore, Christ had poured his blood unto death.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Therefore, the Day of Atonement has a greater significance for us as believers, for it shows us the deeper things Christ did for us as He died on the cross, went to Hades for 3 days and was resurrected back to life.

This resurrection power is available to us.

The power is here to overcome sin and to do miracles, even raising people from the dead.

Apostle Peter and John's Resurrection Message at the Gate Beautiful

- ❖ The miracle of the lame man healed by the Gate Beautiful was a sign.

The location of this gate meant that it was used by most of the pilgrims going to the temple to worship.

The sign's meaning was that the veil is now torn and heaven is open for you because you believe in Jesus Christ's redeeming sacrifice as He was raised to life.

For He is now seated on the throne in heaven at the right hand of God the Father.

- ❖ The apostles preached and moved in resurrection life and power.
- ❖ This is the resurrection power whereby Apostle Peter and John ministered.

They preached in the name of Jesus Christ and that He was resurrected and alive.

- ❖ By this resurrection power, the lame man at the Gate Beautiful was healed.
- ❖ They were saying that the veil in heaven was ripped open for Jesus Christ was our Day of Atonement or redeeming and propitiational sacrifice and it was accepted by God.

Then God raised Him back to life.

Now we can live in the presence of our holy God and have fellowship with the holy God of the Bible.

Christ's redeeming sacrifice and resurrection have allowed us to worship the Father God in the beauty of holiness, before the throne in heaven.

Now, we receive His imputed righteousness of Him who was made sin, because He was resurrected in newness of life.

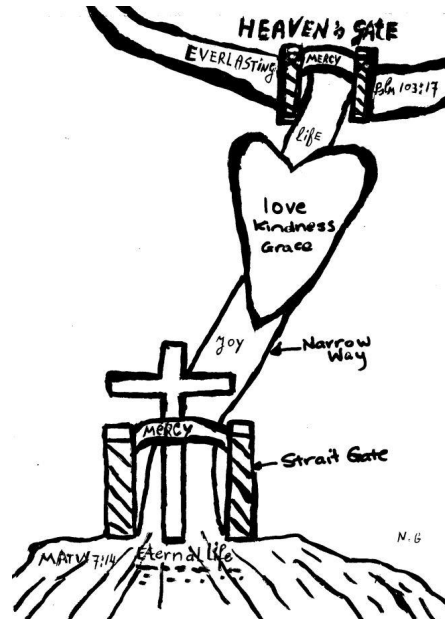
Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Now we are saved by His life.

(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Therefore, we walk in the newness of life and its power through this saved life.

Chapter 10: Eternal Life is on the Narrow Redeeming Way



The strait gateway is a threefold message.

The strait gateway is a threefold message, for we need to preach about the strait gate, the narrow way and the gate of heaven.

The strait gate

- ❖ The strait gate leads onto the way of life.
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the gate beautiful.
- ❖ Jesus Christ said that we need to repent in order to go into the strait gate.
- ❖ The strait gate is the pressure point or battleground for our soul.

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

1. The narrow way

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

There is only one way whereby we can become saved from sin and be born again to have a relationship with God. The way is Jesus Christ. Jesus said, believe in Me and you shall receive eternal life.

The strait gate leads us onto the narrow way.

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

When we are redeemed, and as we repent, our sins are forgiven, and we are saved and born again. Then we are on the narrow redeeming way to grow in a holy lifestyle.

2. Heaven's Gate

- ❖ When walking on the narrow way, we are called to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

(Php 2:12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Only those who are pure of heart and live a holy lifestyle will enter heaven's gate.

(Heb 12:14) Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Narrow Way Preachers

Are you a narrow-minded believer or preacher?

- ❖ Narrow-minded preachers preach about the strait gate, the narrow way and heaven's gate.

The narrow way of life also leads to the straight, narrow, or compressed gate of heavenly New Jerusalem.

The Lord said to me that we also need narrow-way teachers.

❖ It has been the sin of the broad road teachers in the church that has led many astray. Narrow-way preachers and teachers teach the truth of the narrow way and live on the narrow way to protect us from deception.

The strait gate also has a name.

His name is Jesus Christ.

The way has a name.

Its name is Jesus Christ.

The gate of heaven also has a name: Jesus Christ.

Brisbane's Gateway Bridge and the Threefold Message

Here in Brisbane, there is a river called the Brisbane River.

It separates South Brisbane and North Brisbane.

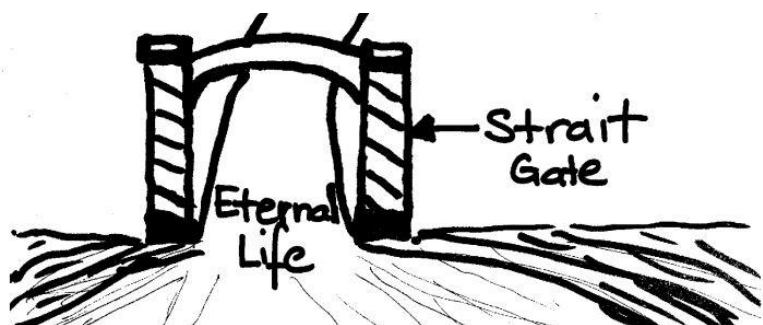
They had to build a bridge to go from South to North Brisbane; this bridge is called the Gateway Bridge.

The strait gate is the gate that opens up the narrow way that leads to life.

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

1. The Strait Gate

The strait gate of the gate way is strait and also narrow.



The gate of the gateway leads us to the narrow way of life.

- ❖ Therefore, the strait gate leads us into eternal life.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

We are born again of the kingdom of God, of the Spirit of God, when we enter through the gate way. Therefore, with boldness, we can come before heaven's throne of grace.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

To finish well, we need to walk daily on the narrow way on earth and grow into a holy lifestyle.

The Preaching about Heaven and Hell

Mat 7:13,14 (NLT) "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell^[1] is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

When Jesus Christ was teaching about the strait gate, the narrow way and how to enter into heaven, He was also teaching about heaven and hell.

We are called to bring awareness of heaven and hell.

- ❖ Strait gate preachers also preach with passion about heaven and hell.

In 2010, I went to Melbourne, Victoria, to attend a training school. My overnight stay was in a house of prayer. In that place lay the testimony of 7 Colombian youths who were all taken together, first to heaven and then to hell. They say the reality of heaven and then the horrors of hell.

It gripped me strongly as the hand of the Lord came upon me.

For 2 hours, I could not talk, and then I started to weep and was broken over what I had read.

- ❖ From that day onwards, I knew we needed to speak, testify, and preach about heaven and hell.

- ❖ From that day, I made a heaven and hell tract and gave them out.

I have led people to Christ through that evangelistic tract.

Mary K. Baxter's 30 Nights in Hell

Mary K. Baxter was taken to hell by the Lord Jesus Christ for 30 nights.

She has written books about it.

It has shaken many lives and redeemed and saved them.

In these Last Days, we need to teach what Jesus Christ taught about heaven, hell, and the strait gate into heaven.

It says that the strait gate is compressed by pressure.

It is small and narrow.

Jesus Christ Preached Heaven and Hell

Many times, Jesus Christ spoke about the seriousness of heaven and hell.

He talked about the beggar named Lazarus, who was taken into Abraham's bosom.

Then He said that the rich man in this story was in hell and saw Lazarus on Abraham's bosom.

Luk 16:23-24 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

- ❖ Another of Christ's stories is about the separation of the sheep and the goats.
- ❖ The sheep will go into heaven's glory and the goats into the eternal fires of hell together with the devil and his angels.

Mat 25:32,34 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: (34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

- ❖ We need to be very serious about the topic of heaven and hell.
- ❖ It will give us a burdened heart of prayer for the lost, which will lead to passion in our evangelism.

Strait Gate Preachers and Heaven's Gate Preachers

Today, what we need is the strait gate, narrow way and heaven's gate preachers, evangelists, and teachers.
The important thing for them is to also understand these truths.
Jesus Christ said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life'.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus Christ is the way to receive eternal life.

Jesus Christ is also the strait gate and the narrow way whereby we shall enter heaven's gate if we are faithful and become holy in our lifestyle.

Evangelistic preachers must bring home this truth when they lead unbelievers to Christ.

They must tell them about the narrow way and its difficulties.

Yet, they also must preach the reality of heaven and hell.

Then many more will stay saved when the journey is difficult.

Mat 7:13 (NLT) You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.

2. The Way

❖ Jesus Christ is the way; Jesus Christ and the way are glorious.

For it is a glorious gospel and there are no condemnations on this way.

In this way are peace, love, joy, goodness, and kindness.

In this way, we can experience and learn to live in God's glory.

An abundance of life is also in this way.

This is also the holy way where we are changed from glory to glory.

- There are holy fire and glory fires on the narrow way because it is the road the Holy Spirit travels on.
- We are called to be on fire on the narrow way.

God's Glorious Heart is also in the Narrow Way

We can experience God's glorious heart, yes, His love, kindness, mercy and compassion on the narrow way today.

For we are changed by the Spirit of glory into Christ's image.

Out of love, Father God sent His Son.

In love, Christ laid down His life.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Jesus Christ is the narrow way.

Jesus Christ is loving, kind, merciful and good.

The narrow way is full of mercy, kindness, grace, goodness, and eternal life.

Out of Christ's compassion and love, we need to preach the message of the narrow way.

Broad Way Preachers

Today, there are many broad way preachers.

They talk about Christ, yet they have changed the message of Christ's redemption and the cross.

The devil's fingerprints lie in the details.

Christ said you cannot serve God and mammon.

As they twist things, they say, Yes, we can serve both.

Christ said that every believer must pick up their cross.

They do not say this; they falsely claim that, as believers, our lives are to be nice and easy.

You decide for yourself; read the Bible.

Now, in the church, they start to say that there is more than one way to heaven (like Chrislam or Universalism).

This is a lie and a broad road preaching that leads to hell and destruction.

The Message of Heaven and Hell

The way of Eternal Life

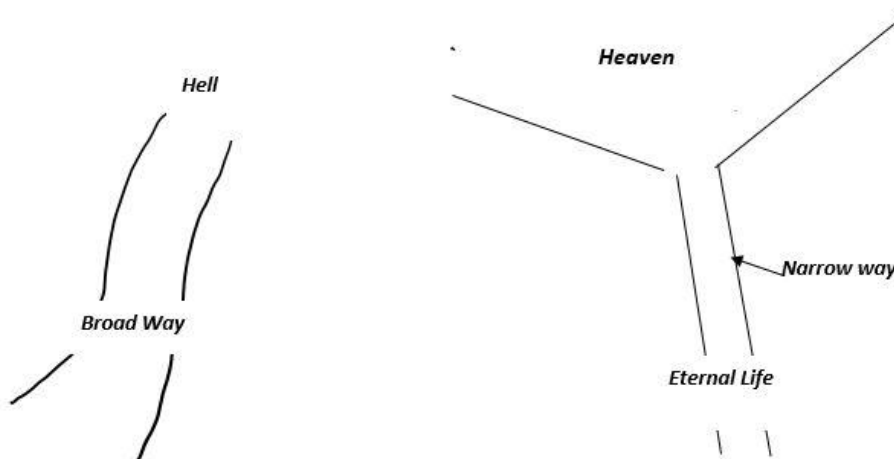
Jesus Christ said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life'.

We can also call the way, the narrow way.

The way of the gateway is narrow.

Mat 7:14 (AMP) But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it.

This picture shows the broad and narrow way



This being "narrow" means the way to follow Christ on earth is, at times, difficult, yet it gives great joy.

❖ Salvation is only found on the narrow way, yet we enter it by the strait gate.

The narrow way is the true foundation.

The Bible says that there is only one true foundation of redemption that can be laid in our lives, which is Jesus Christ.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

There are many different religions, such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and New Age. These ways are all ways on the broad way that leads to destruction, yes, hell.

Believers who live on the broad way also need to repent and put their lives in order by living on the narrow way.

- ❖ Drunkenness, fornication, deception, and idolatry are all on the broad road.

The broad road can be religious, so do not deceive yourself; it leads to hell.

The Redeeming Way

- ❖ Jesus Christ is our redeemer.
- ❖ Jesus Christ is the way.
- ❖ Therefore, Jesus Christ is the redeeming way.

When we repent and believe, we are redeemed and delivered out of the kingdom of darkness and enter the kingdom of God, who is holy light.

(Col 1:13, 14) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Then we start to walk on the narrow way.

- ❖ For Jesus Christ is the redeeming gate way.

On the narrow way, we are called to be disciples of Christ on earth.

On this road, in Christ, we are to be transformed into His image.

Discipleship is becoming like Jesus Christ.

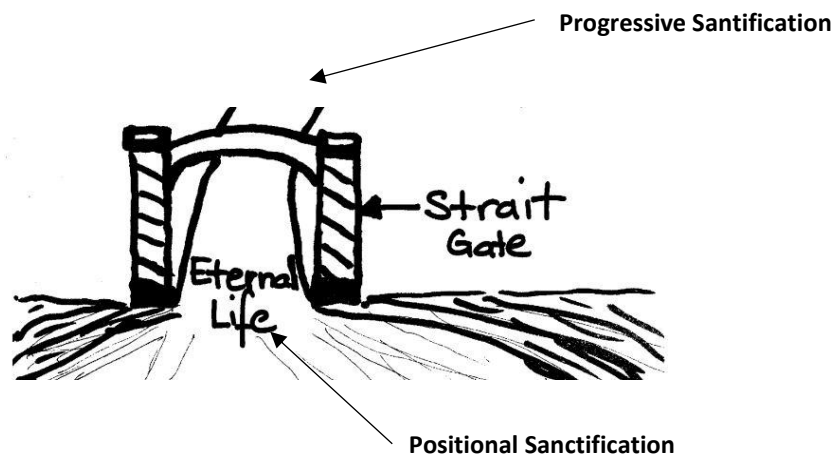
(2Co 3:18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Only if you stay on the narrow way will you go through heaven's gate.

Evangelists, preachers, teachers, pastors, and witnesses need to live on the narrow way.

From the narrow way, they call others to repent from sin and become born-again through faith so they will live on the narrow way.

- ❖ If you wilfully go to sin, you are back on the broad road which leads to destruction, yes, hell.
- ❖ Only if you live on the narrow road will you be able to go through this gate into heaven.



Two Sides of Sanctification

There are three parts of sanctification; we will show you two of them.

1. Positional sanctification.

- ❖ When we are saved through faith, we are holy, we call this positional sanctification.

If you would die at that moment, you would be like the thief on the cross; you would be, this day, in paradise. The picture above shows the strait gate. As new believers, we declare that we are saved and born-again, and therefore, have gone through the strait gate and come upon the narrow way.

This is because we are a new creation.

2. Progressive sanctification.

- ❖ The strait gate and the narrow way of the picture above are the redemption process of growing in Christ.

For we are called to live out our salvation in fear and trembling.

We are called to be on fire in Christ, on the narrow way.

- ❖ We call this progressive sanctification.

Yet as new believers in this Christian life, we are called to grow in Christlikeness, the fruit of the Spirit and a holy lifestyle, for we are a work in progress.

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

When we are on fire, we are hot and not lukewarm; we are living in our first love.

3. Heaven's Gate

The end game is to enter heaven's gate when we die.

We are to teach that, by faith, once we enter the strait gate, we can make it on the narrow way and go through heaven's gate.

- ❖ To teach that by faith, you have already made it, is false teaching.

Yes, when you believe in Christ, you are a new creation, yet you are not yet in heaven.

You still must go through heaven's gate when you die.

In Scripture, it says that we are being saved and must work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Php 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

An angelic dream

One day, I read a book about heaven that was sent to me.

It had scriptures with it.

This book talked about how the road to heaven was narrow and that only a few would find it.

I was sceptical about this book.

One day, as I looked out the window while I was reading in it, there at the end of the road was standing a huge angel. This was not a vision; this was real.

In my shock, I put the book away.

About four weeks later, I had a dream, and the angel talked to me as we were above the city of Rome.

He said you have gone half the way, now you must go the other half.

Rome is the city of false religion; therefore, God wanted me to grow up into the full truth.

The next morning, I saw John Bevere on the God Channel.

He said that God showed Him a vision of believers who died and were coming to the gates of heaven.

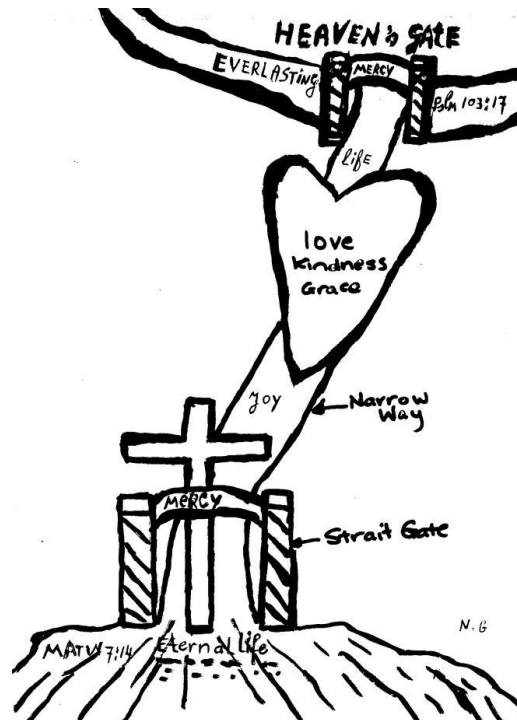
Many were told they were not allowed to come in.

So, they were sent to hell.

(Mat 7:14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Mat 7:21-23) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

So here we see we have to to enter the strait gate way and live a life worthy of Christ and do the Father's will to enter heaven's gate.

Yet many will be sent to hell.



Going Deeper

Now I knew I needed to read this book about heaven.

God convicted me that I did not care for and love my wife enough.

For days, God's hand was heavy upon me.

I was not even sure anymore if I was a believer.

I was not living in sin and was on fire for God, but God was dealing with bad attitudes in my life.

- ❖ Then I went through the Bible to find answers about how to live as a Christian, so we can enter heaven when we die.

I found the answers in the Bible.

Praise God.

Jesus Christ is the strait gate, the way and the gate into heaven.

He is the narrow way into heaven's gate.

However, now we need to know how to grow up.

Then we must look to where to aim so that we grow from grace into mercy unto everlasting mercy.

For it says that everlasting mercy is for those who live in the fear of God, and everlasting mercy leads us through heaven's gate.

(Psa 103:17) But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Answers on how to get into heaven's gate

- A. Christ-like character
- B. Abiding in Father God's will
- C. Walking on the narrow road
- D. The fear of God
- E. Building upon the rock

This is found on the narrow way which leads us through heaven's gate.

Keith Green

Keith Green was a narrow-way preacher.

As a young teenager, he was a popular rock musician.

He then went on a spiritual journey to find God, which led him to India and many other places.

Once he found out that Jesus Christ was the only way to know God, he gave his life to Christ.

He then became a very well-known gospel musician and singer.

In his concerts, he preached the evangelical message of Christ radically, and many gave their hearts to Christ because of it.

He also has a prophetic teaching ministry called "Last Day Ministry" in Tyler, Texas, US. You can still find his teachings on the internet.

In this last day ministry, he was teaching the strait gate way message and how to enter heaven's gate.

Keith Green taught the Strait Gate Way Gospel and How to Enter Heaven's gate

Even today on the internet, you can find some of Keith Green's preaching.

One is called 'What is wrong with the gospel?'

- ❖ He says that nothing is wrong with the gospel, but what is wrong is that modern preachers have changed the message.

When you listen to the teachings and preachings of Keith, you will understand that he was a strait gate, narrow way and heaven's gate preacher.

Turn Back to the Old Road

- ❖ The Lord had been showing me how modern-day preachers have changed the message of the Bible so that they can bring in the One World Religion.

I saw that we need to rediscover the true evangelistic way of the Bible.

In 1985, I did the 6-month School of Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland.

I did this just after I completed my 6-month discipleship training school in Singapore.

I learnt good things in the YWAM School of Evangelism in 1985, yet now I have learnt that many aspects were also missing.

Aspects like:

- The severity of hell,
- Eternal judgment,
- The white throne of judgment,
- Why did Christ need to take our judgment?
- The doctrines of Christ.

The book of Hebrews shows us the true foundations of a local church.

❖ It talks about repentance, baptism, and eternal judgment.

Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

When I heard Keith's teachings from 1981, it confirmed to me that we need to rediscover these evangelistic missing truths.

Keith's Evangelistic Message

This is a summary of what Keith Green said that we need to bring back in our evangelistic message.

We need to preach:

1. The blood of Christ
2. The cross of Christ
3. The threat and terror of hell and the guilt of sinners
4. The fear of God and the judgment seat of Christ
5. Repentance that is needed for forgiveness
6. Godly sorrow
7. True discipleship is about picking up your cross

The Narrow Redeeming Way of the Gospel

Yes, this is the narrow redeeming way of the gospel that has the power to save and change you.

❖ We must preach all of this out of a heart of love and compassion.

Get into this true evangelistic preaching of Jesus Christ and the cross, and your life will never be the same again.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Chapter 11: Fire and Blood

Fire and Blood

Today, we need the fire of the Holy Spirit.

We need the fire of the Holy Spirit that convicts sinners of sin.

We who are redeemed need to be filled with the Holy Spirit's boldness to preach the redeeming blood of Christ radically.

Chapter 4 is all about blood and fire, which is the true way of redemption.

This chapter is about fire and blood.

At Pentecost, Apostle Peter was filled with God's holy fire, and he ministered out of that glorious holy fire.

Yes, if we are not filled with God's burning Holy Spirit fire and passion, we cannot powerfully preach the message of Christ's redemption and redeeming blood.

God's Love is in His Consuming Fire

- ❖ Christ came forth to redeem and save us from God's consuming fire.
- ❖ God's love, grace and mercy are all found in His consuming fire.
- ❖ On the day of Pentecost, this holy fire fell to convict of sin and to release God's love, grace, goodness and mercy to heal the brokenhearted and set the prisoners free.

Charles Finney and God's Fire

Charles Finney said that prevailing prayer gets answers. **(Finney, 2005, p.49)**

We all need to be baptised with the fire of the Holy Spirit as Apostle Peter did on the day of Pentecost.

God poured out His Holy Spirit's convicting fire on the apostles because they had been prevailing in prayer.

Charles Finney then goes on to say that all truly prevailing prayer is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

(Finney, 2005, p.54)

(Rom 8:26,27) Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Charles Finney was used by God in the Second Great Awakening that occurred in America and was used by the Holy Spirit's fire and power to see multitudes redeemed and saved.

He said that if a preacher is not filled with the power from on high, which is the fire of the Holy Spirit, they are not fit for the pulpit. **(Finney, 2005, p. 39)**

(Act 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Apostle Peter Understood Redemption

Apostle Peter knew the full message of redemption.

In his first letter, Apostle Peter says that we are redeemed with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1Pe 1:18, 19) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

He says that because you are redeemed, you are purified and born again.

Therefore, on the day of Pentecost, he preached a strong redeeming message which called the Jews to repentance so they could believe, be saved and be born again.

Prayer in the Upper Room for Fire and Power

On the day of Ascension, Jesus Christ told the apostles to go and wait, which is also called to tarry and pray for the power from on high.

3 main promises were waiting to be fulfilled.

(Mat 3:11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

The 3 Promises in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit

On the day of the Ascension, Jesus Christ told them the promise that they would be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

(Act 1:5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

2. The baptism of fire

John the Baptist had told them that Jesus would baptise them with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(Mat 3:11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

3. Power of the Holy Spirit

The next promise that Jesus Christ said on the day of ascension was that they would receive Power whereby they would minister and be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

(Act 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

In scripture, the Holy Spirit is called the promise that we receive by being redeemed through faith in Christ.

(Eph 1:13) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

When Christ blew on them, the apostles had received the promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Now, the apostles went to the upper room.

There they waited or tarried for the promise as they persisted in prayer and pressed in; the fire fell.

They waited for the other parts of the promise: to be baptised with the Holy Spirit, and His fire and power.

This would come within and upon.

Holy Fire on the Day of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, the persistent prayer was answered when the Holy Spirit's fire and power fell.

There was a mighty sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind.

Flames of fire appeared on the heads of the apostles as they were baptised in the Holy Spirit.

(Act 2:3, 4) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Psalm 29 says that the voice of the Lord thunders and releases and divides tongues of fire.

Therefore, the ruach or breath of Elohim our Creator, released this fire and power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Fire for Conviction of Sin

Our Lord Jesus Christ said that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.

(Joh 16:8 ASV) And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

On the day of Pentecost, Apostle Peter was filled with the conviction fire of the Holy Spirit to bring the sinners to repentance.

When some Jews were mocking what they were witnessing, Apostle Peter stood there and told them they were sinners and they needed to repent.

This holy fire of the Holy Spirit had filled Apostle Peter so that he could preach a strong, confronting message of redemption.

The message of redemption that saves starts with repentance, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

❖ The conviction fire of the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, yet it does not condemn.

The holy fire of conviction wants to bring sinners into the loving heart of God the Father.

In God's consuming fire, we also find His love, goodness and mercy.

Cut to the Heart by the Holy Spirit's Convicting Fire

Apostle Peter preached that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified by evil men and died for their sins.

Yet, after 3 days God had raised up the Lord Jesus Christ, and now He is seated on heaven's throne at the right hand of God the Father.

(Act 2:32, 33) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

After Christ's resurrection and ascension, Christ was highly exalted and received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Christ Jesus, who was the King of kings and Lord of lords, had poured out the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the apostles as they were baptised with fire.

As the Jews heard this, they were cut to the heart.

(Act 2:37 AMP) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart [with remorse and anxiety], and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?"

The Holy Spirit led the fiery preaching of Apostle Peter, which convicted them of the fact that they were sinners living in sin, and they said, what must we do?

Apostle Peter's reply was to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Act 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Then 3000 repented, were converted and were baptised in water in the name of Jesus Christ.

My Testimony of Baptism of Fire

In 1984, on a Sunday afternoon, I took Johan and his wife around the Big Island of Hawaii.

They wanted to see the Mauna Loa volcano erupting and the burning lava flowing.

As I was driving my car, Johan read from the book of Mel Tari, which is called "Like a Mighty Wind".

This book was about the revival in Timor where the Holy Spirit fire had come down and sat on top of a Presbyterian church as they had gathered.

It became a radical revival where they were baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire.

I had been cut to my heart when Loren Cunningham had preached on Friday night.

Now, I learnt about the baptism of the Holy Spirit with fire.

On Monday night, I read the scriptures about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire.

I repented of my sin and surrendered 100%, then I was baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire.

From that day forward to today, I have never fallen away from that fire because of the fire burning in my life.

Charles Finney Rekindles the Fire

As soon as Charles Finney was baptised with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit, people were converted as he spoke to them.

He said I received an overwhelming baptism of the Holy Ghost. (Finney, 2005)

I immediately found myself given such power from on high that a few words dropped here and there to individuals were the means to their immediate conversion.

- ❖ Yet, later he found himself without this power and therefore needed to humble himself and press into fasting and prayer to get it back.

This is what he then said:

Yet other times, I would find myself, in a great measure, empty of this power. After humbling myself and crying out for help, the power would return upon me with all its freshness. (Finney, 2005)

John Wesley

John Wesley understood this principle that you can lose what you have in the fire and power of the Holy Spirit.

This is why he said, I put myself on fire every day, so the world can see me burn.

We see in the lives of these mighty revivalists that we can lose the fire and power of the Holy Spirit.

They also show that we need an active prayer life to stir up the fire, receive more and pray for lost souls.

Reinhart Bonnke's Fire Conferences

Reinhart Bonnke was a mighty evangelist.

He also wanted other evangelists on fire and receiving more fire.

In Harare, Zimbabwe, he held a fire conference.

African evangelists came by the thousands and were filled with more Holy Spirit fire to do evangelism out of the convicting fire of the Holy Spirit.

Many evangelists had lost the fire and pressed in; as they repented, they received fresh fire.
There is more fire for us as we press in, wait and tarry in God's presence.

A Way Maker

John the Baptist was a way maker for the coming ministry of Christ.

His father Zachariah had been a Levitical priest.

The angel Gabriel had announced to Zachariah, while he was burning incense in the temple, that John the Baptist would be born.

Angel Gabriel said that John the Baptist would prepare the way of the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah.

Luk 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Angel Gabriel, who had come from the holy presence of God, had to discipline Zachariah by making him dumb because Zachariah did not believe.

Luk 1:19-20 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. (20) And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

John the Baptist, being a descendant of the priesthood line, became a prophet in the spirit and power of Elijah. Therefore, he was a holy and fiery prophet who called Israel to repentance.

Mat 3:2-3 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3) For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Christ will Baptise with Fire

John the Baptist, as the son of a priest and as a prophet, was full of holy fire.

He saw Israel come out to him in the desert to be baptised as a sign of their repentance.

This happened because he had the mantle of fire of Elijah upon him.

Through God's fire, Elijah led Israel in repentance back to God.

❖ John the Baptist said that Jesus Christ would baptise believers with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

On the day of Pentecost, Apostle Peter said that what they saw that day was the outpouring of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

He could say this because Jesus Christ was crucified, buried, resurrected, and ascended to heaven.

Therefore, He is now seated in heaven on the right hand of God the Father and has poured out the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

This was, therefore, the direct fulfilment of what John the Baptist had prophesied about Jesus Christ.

That He would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Baptism of Fire is for Today

The baptism of fire is for today.

- ❖ Today's ministers need to be baptised with fire to come against the modern-day moral decay and its evil forces.
- ❖ The baptism of fire, power and boldness will make the preachers and believers strong for these last-day battles.

The Law Condemns

The Bible says that the Law is good and is here today.

The Law is here to show sinners that they are sinning.

- ❖ It condemns the sinners
- ❖ It condemns the sinner to death, judgment, and hell.

Therefore, the Law is here to show you that you are a sinner and your need for redemption and salvation.

Fire of Conviction of Sin and Glory Fire

The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, righteousness and judgement.

- ❖ The Holy Spirit's conviction fire of sin convicts yet does not condemn.
- ❖ The Holy Spirit's conviction fire also gives us life, yes, God's divine nature.

(Rom 3:23) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

(2Pe 1:3, 4) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

All have sinned against the glory of God.

The Holy Spirit conviction fire convicts of:

- ❖ Spiritual death
- ❖ Hate
- ❖ Bitterness
- ❖ Murder
- ❖ Living in darkness
- ❖ From being bad and evil

To Bring:

- eternal life
- love
- forgiveness.
- life
- living in the light
- to being good

Different Kinds of Holy Spirit Fire

In the Holy Spirit's heart, we find different kinds of fire.

1. There are the fires of His holy presence, for He is the Holy Spirit.
2. There is the fire of conviction of sin.
3. There is the fire of love, mercy, grace, goodness and kindness.
4. Then we also have the fire of purification.
5. There is a refiner's fire.

Fires of Purification

There is the fire of purification.

The fire of purification is the deep fire that cleans out the deepest filth.

It is the fire of the Spirit of burning.

(Isa 4:4) When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

The Spirit of burning is the Spirit of the fear of the Lord

This fire of purification of the Holy Spirit deals with our heart motivations.

Why do we want to be used in miracles, signs and wonders, healings and deliverances?

Why do we want to do ministry?

Why do we want to pray or give finances?

❖ **Christ's life shows us the true light and motivation.**

He did all His ministry to do the will of the Father.

He did the healings, signs and wonders as the Father showed Him.

He always sought the glory of the Father.

The fire of purification cleans us all of the wrong motivation.

It kills me, myself and I, so we only seek the glory of the Father, yes, so we look more like Jesus Christ.

Refiner's Fire

True evangelism, evangelists and preachers need to be filled with refiner's fire.

God is calling forth a pure bride of Christ.

It says that He is coming to His house as a refiner's fire on the day of the coming of the Lord.

Mal 3:2-3 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: (3) And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Today, God wants those of His people who are called to be priests to be refined as fire.

This is so we can all come forth as gold refined through fire.

Evangelism and its evangelists need to be purified by this holy fire.

Why do they need to be purified? So that they will bring a strong gospel message so that the Holy Spirit can convict the sinners.

So that the sinners may have a powerful conversion and become strong disciples.

Jack Coe's Son's Prophecy

Jack Coe was one of the evangelists of the Great Voice of Healing movement of the 1950s.

He had the largest revival tent and saw great salvations, healings and miracles in his ministry.

He also started a home for homeless children.

One of his sons prophesied over me in Germany; he said that if I kept walking with God as God purified my life, one day, the fire of God would be released through my preaching.

I have gone through deep purifying and refining fire of the Holy Spirit for many years.

❖ **Sanctification and purification are progressive pathways where we go deeper and deeper through the fire so we come out totally pure.**

Precious metals need to go through the fire 7 times.

(Psa 11:6) Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

Apostle Peter says that our faith is as gold, tried with fire. Yes, this fire of sanctification and purification purifies our faith so we come forth as pure, purified gold.

(1Pe 1:7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

James tells the believers to purify their hearts.

(Jas 4:8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

You Have Come to Heavenly Zion's Fire

Our place is now at God's throne, which is in Heavenly Zion and Heavenly Jerusalem.

The writer of Hebrews says that we have now come unto heavenly Zion.

(Heb 12:22) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

This is for today.

Yes, now we are to enter into Heavenly Zion's fire.

The fire is there to bring down to earth, for our God is a consuming fire in heavenly Zion.

(Heb 12:29) For our God is a consuming fire.

This Heavenly Zion's fire first purges us, and then we will run and minister with fire.

As you ascend into Heavenly Zion, be filled with His holy fire and bring it down to earth today.

The Rich Young Ruler

- ❖ We have to minister and preach with conviction fire of the Holy Spirit, yet we cannot water down the redemptive message.

In the story of the rich young ruler, we can learn a few things about Jesus Christ.

1. He loved him
2. He did not change the message

When the rich young ruler asked Jesus Christ how to receive eternal life, it says that Jesus Christ loved him.

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Even though Jesus loved him, Jesus Christ was still coming to him with the law, which shows us that the rich young ruler was a sinner that needs conviction of his sin, so he could repent, be redeemed and be saved.

Then Jesus Christ asked if he was ready to give it all up.

The young man could not do this as he was very rich.

Mar 10:21-23 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. (22) And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. (23) And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

Jesus Christ did not change the message.

- ❖ Jesus Christ did not change the message in the name of human love.
- ❖ Jesus Christ ministered out of Agape love, which is God's holy love.

This love says to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The young ruler did not want to repent, pick up his cross and follow Jesus Christ.

- Many evangelists and preachers have changed the message in the name of humanistic love.
- They do not call sinners to repentance and do not preach the truth that can save them from hell.

The Rich Young Ruler and the Eye of the Needle

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

- ❖ One of the 10 Commandments is that you shall not covet.
- ❖ This means you put the love of money and material things above God.
- ❖ When Jesus Christ talked with the rich young ruler, Christ loved him and hoped he would choose eternal life by letting go of His love for money, self-righteousness, and hunger for power, which is also idolatry.
- ❖ After all, he had asked Jesus Christ how he could receive eternal life.
- ❖ The Lord said to let go of his riches and pick up his cross.
- ❖ This was the eye of the needle or narrow gate he had to go through so he would receive eternal life.

The Eye of the Needle

Our God wants to bless us, yet we cannot serve mammon.

Joshua set half the people of Israel on Mount Gerizim and read out God's covenant blessings as Moses had told him to do once they reached the promised land.

Therefore, in Israel, it was understood that God wants to bless the righteous believers.

Yet the Pharisees had wrongly brought in a false belief that anyone rich was saved, favoured by God and good.

Jesus Christ came against this false concept that has even crept into the Church today.

Therefore, He said that it is hard for a rich man to go to heaven.

Mat 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

He then said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mar 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

The eye of the needle is a picture of the narrow gate that leads to life and heaven. This means being in Christ.

Only by redemption and repentance, as we have let go of our love of money, and having faith and being born again, will we be saved.

This is going through the eye of the needle.

Apostle Paul said that the doctrine of godliness and the doctrines of Christ are very important.

He said that those who, supposing that gain is godliness, in other words, that it is a money-making business, from such withdraw yourself.

(1 Tim 6:5 AMP) And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit (a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood). From such withdraw.

Then he goes on to say that the love of money is the root of all evil.

(1 Tim 6:10 AMP) For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute (mental) pangs. This has led many to fall away from their faith in Christ.

Minister God's Holy Fire

- ❖ In these Last Days, we are to minister and preach with the Holy Spirit's convicting fire.
- ❖ Apostle Peter warns about the Last Days that there will be many false teachers and preachers who, through covetousness, shall make merchandise of us.

(2Pe 2:3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

These teachers and preachers have eyes full of adultery as they are friends of the world.

They try to plunder unstable souls with their covetous practices.

(2Pe 2:14, 15) Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Today, many so-called prophets are like Balaam; they preach and prophesy covetousness.

Apostle Peter warns and says that an example of God's judgment is that the heavens and earth are reserved unto fire.

(2Pe 3:7) But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

(2Pe 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

(2Pe 3:12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

The earth being melted with fervent heat and the heavens being dissolved with fire is a warning for these false teachers, preachers and prophets.

This is why we have to preach with the conviction fire of the Holy Spirit to the unbelieving sinners and also in the houses or assemblies of God.

Yet we do it out of a heart of compassion and love, for God's compassion is also in His consuming fire. Therefore, the Lord is compassionate and longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but that they will repent.

(2Pe 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Ask to be Baptised with Holy Spirit and Fire

Now it is time for you to surrender and repent where you have been stopped from walking in God's fire.

Ask for it now.

Pray:

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask You to baptise me now with the baptism of fire of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Chapter 12: The Power of the Kingdom of God

You Shall Receive Power

In the last chapter, we learnt that we can be filled and baptised with the Holy Spirit and power. Being filled or baptised with the Holy Spirit means that our cup is full and overflowing with the Holy Spirit flowing from within us.

The fire of the Holy Spirit came down with fire to convict the sinners of sin, righteousness and judgement. The baptisms of fire bring purification in our lives, strength to overcome sin and break bondages. Jesus Christ also said that when you are baptised with the Holy Spirit, you shall receive power.

(Act 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Power is here to give us strength and gifts to do the work of the ministry and to be a witness.

The power especially comes upon us and strengthens us to do the work of the ministry.

(Eph 3:16) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Power Upon Jesus Christ

- ❖ **After Jesus Christ had fasted for 40 days, he returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.**

(Luk 4:14) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

- ❖ **Jesus Christ did the ministry of casting out demons by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

(Luk 11:20) But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

God the Father had filled Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and had anointed Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and power.

(Act 10:38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Out of the anointing, Jesus did good and helped the suffering people by the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus delivered and healed all who were oppressed by the devil.

In Galilee, under Christ's ministry, by the power of the Holy Spirit, revival broke out.

Jesus Christ Demonstrated the Kingdom by Healing and Deliverance

When Jesus Christ walked on the earth, He demonstrated the power of the kingdom of God by healing, the deliverance of demons, signs, wonders and miracles.

Demons were cast out, and the sick were healed. He said that if He, by the finger of God, cast out the evil spirits, then the kingdom of God had come.

Matthew 12:28 - But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

The Kingdom of God is Power

In 1 Corinthians chapters 1 to 4, Apostle Paul teaches that the kingdom of God is not just words but power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 - For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

In 1 Corinthians 2:18 and 1 Corinthians 2:4,5, Apostle Paul talks about the power of God and His kingdom. In chapter 4, he talks about the power of the fruits of the Spirit, yet also about the power of signs, wonders and miracles.

1 Corinthians 1-4 are talking about the same miracle-working power, so our faith will be built upon the power of God.

Preaching lies not in great wisdom or great oration, but in the power of God which comes to us through the message of the cross of Christ.

This kingdom power is not only to make us godly saints, but this power also brings forth signs, wonders and miracles, so men will believe.

Our Lord Jesus Himself said that if you do not believe me because of My words, then believe me because I am doing the signs, wonders and miracles as the Messiah.

John 10:38 But if I do, though you believe me not, believe the works; that ye may know and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him.

Therefore, the Apostle Paul says that his preaching of our Lord and Saviour and the kingdom of God was done in demonstration of the Spirit and power. **He says that our faith should not just be in a traditional mindset but by encountering God through the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 2:4,5 - And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Through these power encounters, people will become believers, and the fruit of this will be a deep, intimate relationship with God.

We, who are called into this End Time Army of the Lord, must enter these realms and glories of the kingdom of God, as well as the King and Father of glory ourselves. As we grow into it, then we must go into all the world and demonstrate this kingdom of power so men will see and believe. Amen.

Mark 16:15,17 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

The Power of the Kingdom Shook My Life

In 1984, I lived on the Big Island of Hawaii, close to the YWAM mission base.

One night, God shook the base as Loren Cunningham preached.

This shook my life.

Then I heard about the revival in Timor, along with the healings and miracles that were happening there.

- ❖ **I knew that the kingdom of God comes with power.**
- ❖ **From then on, I had a great hunger to find out how God's power operates.**

Faith in the Power of God

Our faith should stand in the power of God.

(1Co 2:5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The power of God comes into our life by the way of the cross of Christ.

The sacrificial blood sacrifices of Christ on the cross, His death, and His resurrection are the foundations whereby all of God's blessings and power come to us.

The power of the Holy Spirit and the kingdom of God's power can work through us today because Jesus Christ redeemed us.

Yes, there is redemption through Christ and, therefore, as we believe, the power of the Holy Spirit is poured out.

Sonship and learning to walk in the power of the age to come is part of redemption.

(Gal 4:5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

The greater realms of glory and miracles come to us by the 7 Spirits of God or fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Power of the Cross Releases:

1. The power of the Holy Spirit

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2. The power of the kingdom of God

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

3. The fullness of the Holy Spirit

The fullness of the Holy Spirit comes to us from the 7 Spirits of God. The 7 Spirits of God are seen burning before the throne of God.

(Rev 4:5) And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Jesus Christ is the king of the kingdom.

His angel army also brings down miracles, dreams, strength, and power.

Do Not Preach for Miracles' Sake Only

Today, many preach miracles for the sake of the miracle.

Then they can receive much money, fame, and honour.

To grow in heavenly riches, we need to understand the great depth of Christ's suffering for us on the cross of Christ.

God wants to break our hearts, pride, and self-seeking through the cross of Christ, so we become broken of self.

He wants us to walk in the first love out of these depths of revelations of the cross of Christ.

Out of the first love, He will teach us about the fullness.

- ❖ Then out of the fullness of His love and the 7 Spirits of God, power for healing and deliverance will flow.

Jesus Christ Preached Repentance and the Kingdom

Jesus Christ preached repentance and the kingdom of God, and then he did miracles so that people would see God's greatness, repent, believe and give glory to God.

This was His motive and His way.

Joh 6:26-27 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. (27) Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

- ❖ He rebuked the cities like Capernaum and Chorazin that they had not repented even though they had seen great miracles.

Mat 11:23-24 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this

day. (24) But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

- ❖ The main reason for the signs, wonders and miracles was for Israel to repent, turn to God and believe in the Messiah, which God has sent to save the world.

Jesus Christ moved through the power of the Holy Spirit and the kingdom of God so men would repent, honour, and believe.

- ❖ Miracles and healings are a benefit of Christ's redemption; do not worship the benefits.

Today, we must repent of worshipping the benefits of the gospel like healing, miracles, gold dust, and prosperity. Our call is to call sinners to repent.

Signs, wonders and miracles are here to show them that Jesus Christ is the way to heaven.

Do Not Sin Anymore

Jesus said to the people He healed that they were to sin no more so that no worse can happen.

So, sin is at the root of many problems and sicknesses.

Luk 5:23-24 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? (24) But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

Today, when we preach about miracles and healings, we also need to deal with sin and call people to repent.

The root of sin brings forth all kinds of sickness.

If we close the door to sin, many will be healed.

Why Deliver of Demons

- ❖ The greater deliverance is to first get delivered of self.

- ❖ We need to get delivered of me, myself, and I.

Scripture says, 'It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me'.

So, we need to be Christ-centred and let Christ's nature flow through our new born-again spirit.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

We deliver people of demons so that people can grow in intimacy and godliness.

To let them walk and grow upon the narrow road.

The power of the blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit and the kingdom of God gives the power for deliverance.

Mat 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Do not deliver half-hearted people, as the demons will return and bring 7 others with them.

We Need Power from On High and Charles Finney

We need the power of God in our evangelism.

To be powerful witnesses for Christ, we need power from on high.

Jesus Christ told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that they could become His witnesses.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Charles Finney, a mighty revivalist who was used in the Second Awakening in America, said that many preachers, biblical scholars and theological professors were not fit for the ministry, for they were not filled with power from on high.

Many people repented, were redeemed and saved under his ministry, as they were shaken with the power of the Holy Spirit and then were filled with the same Spirit to become revivalists and preachers of their own.

The first church in the book of Acts was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit as they followed Jesus Christ's command, and so should we.

Demonstration of Spirit and Power

Wherever Jesus Christ, Apostle Paul or Apostle Peter went, they demonstrated the power of God through the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Every miracle, power or ministry of the Holy Spirit MUST come to us through the blood of the cross of Christ. Derek Prince said anything or power that does not come to us through the cross of Christ is witchcraft. Through the work of the cross of Christ, we are called to demonstrate the miracle-working power of God by the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives inside us.
Therefore, we are called to do the same works that Jesus Christ did.

Jesus Christ Demonstrated God's Power

Jesus Christ went about Galilee preaching repentance and the kingdom of God while demonstrating the glory and power of the Holy Spirit.

The sick and possessed people came to Him to be set free.

He healed and delivered them; great miracles happened as Christ ministered.

Mat 4:24-25 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. (25) And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judaea, and *from* beyond Jordan.

One of the greatest miracles in the ministry of Christ was raising Lazarus back to life.
These miracles led many Jews to believe that Jesus Christ was the Messiah.

Joh 11:44-45 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. (45) Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Behold I Give You Power

To the 12 and 72 disciples Jesus Christ said, Behold, I give you power and authority to do the ministry. He said they received power over all the works of the enemy and demons.

(Luk 10:19) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Christ received the power and authority of God the Father, and Christ also gave it to the disciples. So when we see the disciples minister in healing and deliverance in both Matthew 10 and Luke 10, it is because they received the power and authority.
As Christ gives the apostles the great commission, He also gives them authority and power to minister and deliver.

Apostle Peter Demonstrated God's Power

Apostle Peter was trained as one of the 12 disciples.

They were sent out as disciples to heal and deliver people of demons.

Mat 10:7-8 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. (8) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

They preached the kingdom of God, and the 12 disciples demonstrated the power of God.

When they came back from one of their trips, they were so excited, for they saw the evil spirits obey and be cast out as people were delivered and healed.

Luk 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

When the Holy Spirit was poured out, the apostles received power; God used Peter in Jerusalem to perform signs, wonders and miracles because he received and moved in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The second place God used Peter for revival was in the land of Sharon.

As he preached in the house of Cornelius, the Holy Spirit fell on them.

Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Apostle Peter also raised Tabitha from the dead.

Act 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

Act 9:40-42 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. (41) And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. (42) And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

As God used Apostle Peter to raise her back to life, many believed and became followers of Christ.

We are called to demonstrate the Kingdom of God like a Water Hose

Not only are believers in the Bible called to demonstrate the power of the kingdom of God, but we are also called to do the same.

Evangelism, signs, and wonders go together.

When Jesus Christ ascended, He left us the great commission.

Part of the great commission is that God will do miracles through us.

Mar 16:15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

We do not perform the miracles; God does it through us.

We need to believe, be available and be filled with power.

We need to be like a water hose.

The water hose does not produce water.

The water comes through the hose from the source.

The source is the Holy Spirit.

Scripture says that rivers of living water shall flow from your innermost being.

Joh 7:37-38 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Therefore, miracles and healing will also flow through us.

Jesus Christ has given us the authority to go out to all the world as evangelists and preach the gospel.

Mat 28:18-20 (NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, ^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus Christ has given us authority and power over the works of the devil and all the evil spirits.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The ministry of healing and deliverance go hand-in-hand.

Pastor Francis Chan

Pastor Chan is an evangelical pastor.

He was also a good house-church planter.

As a young Christian, he memorised many scriptures.

He is very well known in the USA yet did not believe in miracles.

In 2020, he became a missionary in Burma.

He was ministering in a village where they persecute Christians.

He saw the great need of the people, their struggles, and sicknesses.

He then cried out to God to do something.

Faith came into his heart, and God started to do miracles and heal many.

Now this village started to believe in Christ.

Pastor Chan, who did not believe in miracles, at once believed.

All the scriptures about healing came alive to him.

Miracles and healing are for today, Amen.

Being Changed from Glory to Glory

The glory comes into our lives through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Glory.

In these Last Days, we are called to live in glory.

God's plan for us is to be changed from glory to glory.

Tomorrow, we are called to live in a deeper place of glory than yesterday.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore, we need to learn to experience His glorious manifestation daily.

Ministering, Ruling and Governing from the Holy Glory

Today, we are in a new season of ministry.

We are called to minister out of the holy glory of God, which we can also call the fullness.

Jesus Christ ministered out of the fullness.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Now the Spirit of the Lord God wants us to minister victory and breakthrough.

Where the Spirit of the Lord moves, there is freedom or breakthrough and liberty.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Praying for the Will of God

Out of the glorious, holy heart of God, through the Spirit of the Lord God, we are called to pray for the will of God.

We are to do this from a place of worship.

We can call this harp and bowls worship.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

As we hear His voice and move upon it in prayer, worship, declaration, proclamation, and breakthrough, then prayers will be answered.

1Jn 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Binding and Loosing from the Holy Glory

Out of this place of intimacy, worship, and prayer, we are also called to bind and loose.

When Apostle John saw Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, in glory, Christ said that He had the keys. He had the keys of death and hell.

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Why did He say that?

He said that because He had taught the apostles to bind and loose.

Now He showed John that He had all authority.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

We are now to bind the demons when we go to do ministry and evangelic outreach.

We are to loose God's holy angels to bring in lost souls and to lose the power of the age to come.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

The Harvest

Today, as the holy glory is moving and we learn to grow in the work of the cross of Christ and move in the Holy Spirit, fire, power, glory and fullness, we are called to bring in the harvest of lost souls.

This school has equipped you to step into minister as an evangelist and a witness.

All believers are called to take part in the harvest.

Mar 16:15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Chapter 13: Blood and Fire for Daily Repentance and Cleansing

Daily Blood and Fire

- ❖ We need blood and fire daily.
- ❖ Where there is fire, there is light.
- ❖ The blood of the cross of Christ is needed daily in the lives of believers for repentance and cleansing.

When we are cleansed by the blood of the cross daily and tarry at the altar, we will also experience the power and fire of the Holy Spirit daily.

The Holy Spirit's fire in our lives is first for conviction of daily sin.

Then the fire of the Holy Spirit will release more power.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Therefore, believers need the cross and the Holy Spirit's fire daily in their lives.

The more we are dead to self, the greater the Holy Spirit's power of the resurrection and an abundance of life and victory will flow through us.

We are to bring our sins, faults, and shortcomings before the throne of grace daily so that the blood of Jesus Christ shed at the cross will cleanse us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We see this pattern of daily repentance and being washed by blood and fire throughout the Bible.

Daily Holy Communion

In the book of Acts, the first church held daily communion.

(Act 2:46) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

They were already saved, yet they understood, from the scriptures, that they needed daily cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Passover and the Day of Atonement show the blood of Jesus Christ is for our redemption and salvation.

The daily blood sacrifices and burnt offerings at the Tabernacle of Moses showed the need for daily cleansing with blood and fire.

Lev 4:3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

Lev 2:9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it* is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

As believers, we are called to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. This shows us that salvation is a process.

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Therefore, we need the blood of Christ and the purging fire of the Holy Spirit for daily cleansing.

Christ Our Advocate

Apostle John says, 'I write to you little children if you sin, we have an advocate'.

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

- ❖ The question is, does he write this to believers or unbelievers?
- ❖ Of course, the answer is to believers, as they are spiritual children.

His point here is that when you, as a believer, sin, you have an advocate on your behalf who pleads for your forgiveness.

My point here is that John shows believers do sin and need forgiveness for their daily sins.

- ❖ Therefore, there is a need for daily cleansing by the blood of Jesus Christ.

John then goes on to say that Jesus Christ, as the advocate, is now seated at the right hand of Father God on the heavenly throne and wants to forgive and cover your daily sin.

God is Light

- ❖ Where there is fire, there is light.
- ❖ It says that our God is a consuming fire.

(Heb 12:29) For our God is a consuming fire.

- ❖ Our God is a holy consuming fire.
- ❖ As a holy consuming fire, our God is the eternal life that gives us light.

(Joh 1:4) In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

We are called to walk in the holy light of God, which we can call the light of life.

The Bible says that God is light.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ, who is also God, manifested God's eternal life on Earth. He said that He is the light of the world.

1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

Therefore, the true light is based on eternal life and therefore is morally pure light.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Satan can come as an angel of light, yet he and his light are eternal death, immoral and deceptive.

Today, it is important to understand this, for we need to be purified by the light of life, so all immorality, lies, deceit, sorrow, guilt, and shame will leave us.

The Key to Personal Revival

One day the Lord said to me that the key to personal revival was to live daily in the holy, glorious light of God.

When we sin and fail, we repent and wash ourselves in the blood of Christ.

Then, as we keep on living in the light, we will walk in personal revival.

Walking in the light

- ❖ We are also called to walk in the light of God so that we can grow in fellowship and be convicted and cleansed of our daily sins.

(1Jn 1:5) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Light shows spots and stains on our clothes.

The light of the Holy Spirit convicts us when we sin.

When we have sinned, we must confess our sin and the blood of Jesus Christ will wash us clean.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

This is the daily walk on the road or pathway of sanctification which is necessary for all believers.

- ❖ If we believe the lie that a Christian cannot sin, we harden our hearts and can easily live in deception.

If we harden against the light and conviction of the sin of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, then we live in a lie and do not grow in fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

- ❖ Daily, we are to confess our sins and live in fellowship with God.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Daily fellowship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit grow us on the pathway of sanctification.

Then the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us daily.

Therefore, we need daily blood and fire in our lives, so we grow in fellowship with God.

Walking in the Light and Revival

We are called to walk in the light so greater streams of the river of life will stream through us.

When we walk in the light, His light will transform us into His image in our behaviour, conduct, and character as we grow in the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ His light is glorious revival light; as we abide in the light of His glory, we have unbroken fellowship, and His glorious light will bring us into a place of personal revival.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

In the light, the blood of Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit will cleanse us and fire us up.

As we walk in the light and have unbroken fellowship, God's revival light will reach the lost.

Streams of Life

Not only must we repent, be redeemed and saved, but we must become holy in our daily spiritual walk; yes, redemption is a process.

For it says that without a holy lifestyle, no one will see God.

The pure in heart will see God.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

We call this progressive sanctification.

God's Glorious Light

God's glorious light is the face of Christ that shines deep into our soul from our spirit man.

(2Co 4:6) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ The light of His glory releases His love into our pain and sadness.
- ❖ Christ's glorious light releases His goodness, kindness, mercy and joy into our lives.

When you have come out of traumas, abuse, and a broken heart, you especially need to learn to walk in Christ's glorious light because these hardships make it hard to stay on that narrow redeeming way.

This will bring healing to your wounded heart.

The 3 parts of Sanctification:

1. Positional sanctification – your redemption and salvation
2. Progressive sanctification – daily growing in holiness in your behaviour
3. Perfection – full maturity in Christ

On this pathway of sanctification, as you grow in Christlikeness, which we call discipleship, we come up against blockages – soulish or spiritual stones.

These soulish or spiritual stones stop the promise that Christ gave, the abundance of life.

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Therefore, John first talks about God's life and then about God's light.

1Jn 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (2) (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

God's life and fountain of life are the true essences of God and God's light.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

In your progressive walk, God wants you to grow in abundance of life, for Christ gave you this eternal life through faith.

The light is here to show you your daily sins, shortcomings, bondages, and bad habits. As you deal with them, you will experience cleansing, deeper fellowship, and greater releases of the river of life.

Therefore, we need daily blood and fire for daily cleansing.

1 Joh 1:9 (AMP) if we (freely) admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins (dismiss our lawlessness) and (continuously) cleanse us from all unrighteousness (everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought and action)

Blood and Fire for Daily Repentance and Cleansing

As we saw in an earlier chapter, on the day of Pentecost God poured out His Holy Spirit fire.

Jesus Christ said that the Holy Spirit would come to convict sinners of sin, righteousness and judgment.

(Joh 16:8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Firstly, the Holy Spirit fire poured out on the day of Pentecost was to convict the sinners of sin, righteousness and judgment.

The Holy Spirit also gives joy and shalom or peace.

On the day of Pentecost, God also laid out a pathway of progressive growth or sanctification in the life of a believer.

Yes, today the Holy Spirit is here in the believer's life to be cleansed daily of sin with the blood of Jesus Christ and the fire of the Holy Spirit for daily growth.

Therefore, there is blood and fire for daily repentance and cleansing.

Yes, today the Holy Spirit is here to convict the believers in Christ of their daily sins, bad habits, habitual sin, righteousness and judgment to give them joy and shalom or peace.

If, as believers, we say we do not have any sin, we are liars and make Christ a liar, for John was speaking to a community of believers, not to worldly sinners.

In this scripture, John uses the word "we" at least 10 times.

"We" includes John himself; therefore, John was saying that as believers, we need to daily confess our sins and keep short accounts, so we can live in the light.

(1Jn 1:9 - 10) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Different Fires

There are different fires in the fire of the Holy Spirit.

God is preparing a bride.

Therefore, we need these different fires to prepare to be a spotless bride.

1. Holy Spirit conviction fire of sin, righteousness and judgement for unbelievers to come to repentance so they can be redeemed.

(Joh 16:8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

2. Holy Spirit conviction fire of sin, righteousness and judgment for the believers to become a spotless bride.

(Joh 16:8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

(1Jn 1:8,9) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. Holy Spirit cleansing and purifying fire.

(Mal 3:2,3) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4. Refiner's fire

(Mal 3:2,3) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

5. Sanctification fire. It is fire for progressive sanctification, perfection and consecration.

(Isa 4:4) When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

(1Pe 1:7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

6. The fire power of the zeal of the Lord, to move us forward.

(Heb 1:7) And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

7. The fire of our first love, to burn brighter in the fire of His love daily.

(Rev 2:4) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

(Rev 3:18) I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Blood and Fire to Break Strongholds

Today, there is blood and fire here to break strongholds and spiritual bondage in our lives.

The word says that our battle is not against flesh and blood but spiritual darkness and spiritual forces.

Part of that battle is the battle with the strongholds in our minds.

These strongholds can be spiritual bondage in our minds, soul, and body.

2Co 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Many preachers and believers are not living in victory and personal revival because they live in denial about their situation.

Many do not know that there is a pathway of sanctification that leads to a life of victory, freedom, wholeness, the abundance of life, and personal revival.

Therefore, it is so important to live in the light on the pathway of sanctification.

A Mighty Evangelist Restored

Jimmy was a mighty evangelist who filled stadiums as he preached the evangelistic message.

Then he fell into pornography and some sinful acts.

He then had to stop his evangelistic message.

❖ He was counselled by his pastors, but they did not understand blood and fire for daily cleansing.

You see, the pathway of sanctification, which is to learn to live at the blood of the cross of Christ and the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit daily, will give you a life of victory, freedom, wholeness, the abundance of life and personal revival.

Jimmy went on a fast, and God said that He would teach him.

After 2 years, God showed him the power of the blood of the cross of Christ in a believer's life.

This led to his understanding that the cross is the power of God for those who are redeemed and saved to overcome our daily sins, struggles, and demons.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Now he preaches only the message of the cross of Christ and trains evangelists and believers in the same way.
He has overcome his pornography and other sexual sin problems as he has understood the power of the blood and fire for daily living.

Living on the Narrow Way

As believers, we are called to live on the narrow way.

Many of us are struggling with this because many are double-minded and have broken hearts.

Therefore, daily, they have one foot on the narrow way and one on the broad road.

We are called to total surrender, yet we are a work in progress.

Apostle Peter says that God has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness by His glorious virtue.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

By God's glorious virtue, through the Holy Spirit, as we surrender more and more, we are to grow in faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and love.

2Pe 1:5-6 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

It says that if we do so, we will easily enter the strait gate of heaven, and it will be wide open for us when we die.

2Pe 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yet when we grow in these godly attributes, God will use us here on earth in a greater way.

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forsaking the Narrow Way

Peter also warns us that we can altogether leave the narrow way if we listen to false teachers and false prophets.

He warns us of the sins of Balaam, who was a false prophet running after Mammon.

The sin of these false prophets and false teachers can take us off the right way or narrow way.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Today, many false teachers only focus on positional sanctification and say you have arrived and do not have to grow or be cleansed of your daily sin.

They use covetousness, yes, trade and money, to slowly dim your spiritual eyes for the true riches which are only found in a true spiritual walk.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Apostle Peter's second letter is written for us in these Last Days.

Therefore, study 2 Peter and pray and watch.

Do not be trapped; if you are, repent and be cleansed by blood and fire.

Grace, God's Power in my Life

Grace is God's power not to sin.

Grace releases the power to live a victorious life.

We are now living in a day where we need a lot of grace.

Paul says that sin shall have no dominion over us because we are under the power of God's grace, which is the authority, power, and fire of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 6:13-14 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God. (14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

The day I was baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire was when I had power over sin in practical terms.

This was God's grace in my life that gave me victory.

Sin could not pull me back to the bars, nightclubs, fornication or other darkness and sin.

This grace enables me to grow in righteousness and strengthens me to be an overcomer on the pathway of sanctification.

It says that this grace makes us grow because we are on the pathway of sanctification in righteousness as we grow in becoming holy.

Rom 6:18-19 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (19) I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Then, as we grow in the fruit of righteousness, just as we read in 2 Peter, and being holy, so we will one day easily enter through the strait gate of heaven.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Grace to Live in the Spirit

I am showing you these truths from the Bible so that, as an evangelist, you do not get trapped in these false modern-day teachings.

You can stay on fire and learn how you can live and minister in the Holy Spirit as you grow on the pathway of sanctification.

As disciples, we are called to pick up our cross and learn to crucify the flesh with its sinful passions to learn to live in Christ.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The road of blood and fire is the road of a crucified life and true discipleship which enables us to live in the Spirit.

Rom 8:5-6 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

As believers, we are called to learn to live in the Spirit, where Christ's abundant life and power to be a strong evangelist or witness.

Jesus Christ said that to be his witness, you were to wait until you were filled with power from on high.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This is the Holy Spirit's power to empower our spirit man so we can evangelise with authority and power.

You can also get my 'School of the Holy Spirit' book, which will teach you how to grow and minister in the Spirit.

Charles Finney and Surrender

Charles was used by God in America's Second Great Awakening.

Revival touches a life and a church while awakening touches a nation.

I have a book by Charles called 'Power from on High'.

In this, he clearly teaches that ministers and evangelists of the gospel must consecrate and surrender themselves.

He shows that real power that shakes a nation is found on the pathway of sanctification.

- ❖ He brings out many points where we need to surrender if we want to receive power from on high.

Even Jesus Christ said that He sanctified or consecrated Himself so that disciples would be set free by the truth and filled with the glory and power of God.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

The Truth Set Free

Charles Finney was a lawyer by trade.

Therefore, he used God's law to show people that they were sinners, and the Holy Spirit convicted the sinners of their sins.

There were deep convictions as Charles Finney preached the truth, and that set many free so that up to 80% of the new converts went on and did not fall back.

Joh 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The Bible shows that witchcraft is a great sin, and in the days of the Second Awakening, most Freemason halls were abandoned, for Freemasonry is idolatry and witchcraft.

Truth and Sanctification in my Life

The truth is very important on the pathway of sanctification, which I call the three Ps.

Jesus said that we are sanctified by the truth.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

For the first five years as an on-fire believer, I was on the mission field. There I did some evangelism with success.

After those 5 years, I thought I was ready for a powerful apostolic evangelistic ministry.

- ❖ The Lord said no to me; He said that I was not ready, for I suffered from a wounded spirit or a broken heart.

Pro 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

From that day onwards, it has been a long process of consecration, deeper surrender, healing and deliverance in my life.

The main reason for my wounded spirit was the generational curses that had come down upon my life as a child.

In our family line, we have a Coat of Arms. One of the symbols on this is the Fleur de Lis or the French Lily. This is a symbol of the Knight Templars, which is the highest level of Freemasonry.

The evil spirit that they worship that is connected to the French lily is Baphomet.

The spirit of Baphomet brings transgender confusion and bipolarity.

On the pathway of sanctification, the Lord has healed my heart, my wounded spirit has been healed and strengthened, and I have been delivered from many demons.

Learning to walk in Christ's glorious light has been a great healing and delivering light for me.

His glorious light has also changed me more and more into His image.

(2Co 3:18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Greater Power

These last 15 years, God has given me greater glory, greater authority and greater power in my life and ministry.

I have gone to about 15 nations preaching the evangelistic and end-time apostolic message and seen many redeemed and saved, healed and baptised in water and the Holy Spirit.

I give all glory to God.

Greater power and glory are waiting for you as you also press on upon the pathway of sanctification.

Isa 35:1-2 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. (2) It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

Then God will also use you in a greater way in evangelism and signs, wonders and miracles, and you will walk on the holy way.

Isa 35:5-8 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (6) Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. (7) And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. (8) And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

Chapter 14: Redemption, Salvation and Baptism

In this chapter, we want to help you, as evangelists and witnesses, to lead a convert into the redeeming sinner's prayer into repentance, forgiveness and salvation.

We also want to show you how to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the importance of a new convert to be baptised in water.

Now we help you to pray the redeeming sinner's prayer with conviction.

Now, the BIG QUESTION!!!

Say to them, are you ready to repent and be redeemed, forgiven of your sin, saved and born again?

Do you, that are you personally, want to accept the sacrifice of the promised Messiah?

Also, ask them if they want to walk on the narrow redeeming gateway.

If you want this, let us pray together to God.

Speak the following prayer out loud, with an honest heart, and He will come into your heart.

Speak it out to God in faith and receive it:

Redeeming Sinner's Prayer!

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

I want to repent today, for I want to be redeemed.

I know that I have sinned, and I come to you.

I acknowledge that you, Jesus Christ, are sent by God to redeem and save me.

I now turn away from my sin.

You died for my sin, and I thank you for that. Will you take away my sin and wash me clean with your blood which was shed by you? Will you come to live in my heart and become the Lord of my life? I give myself totally to you. Amen.

Now you can help them also to surrender and pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and power

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

Will you fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit so that I shall be a strong and courageous Christian? Oh Holy Spirit, come now and fill me with Your power. Come now, come now.

Thank You.

Tell them to also pray every day. Take the time for this. An hour every day is not too long. In this way, you will experience more and more of God's love.

A Good Church

Then tell them to look for a good Christian church which you should go to where they learn more about the Bible.

Then they can be baptised in water, or you can do that for them.

Acts 2:38,41 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The Next Step: Baptism

Part of becoming a true believer in Christ is being baptised in water.

Our Lord taught this to His disciples, and it also became part of the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Everywhere the disciples (who became the apostles) went, they baptised the people that repented and believed.

On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit's power fell, 3000 were saved. They asked what they should do to be saved. Apostle Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of your sin".

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

So, on that day, 3000 new believers were baptised in water.

Baptism in Water

Jesus Christ told them to baptise them in water.

Water is the symbol of being washed and cleansed.

John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah's (Christ) ministry. In Israel, he had to prepare the way to take the people from a natural life and an earthly religion into faith, to enter a spiritual rebirth. Christ's ministry is to let believers be born into the kingdom of heaven. John the Baptist made Israel ready for this transition.

Mathew 3: 1,2,5,6 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

He baptised them in water.

Christ as an Example

Jesus Christ was born in the days when the Jews were under the Law. John the Baptist was the son of the High Priest Zachariah and was next in line to be the High Priest.

Now the transition was coming from living under the Mosaic Law to being saved by grace. God told John the Baptist not to become a high priest in the old order but to prepare the nation for the Messiah to come.

Then Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptised so that the new way would be confirmed.

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Jesus Christ was baptised by being totally immersed in water as John the Baptist baptised Him. Then, as Christ came out of the water, the Spirit of God came upon Him like a dove. To show Israel that this was the new right way, a voice came from heaven. All people heard what God said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".

Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus Christ showed us the way here.

Born of the Kingdom Above

When we believe, we are born again of the kingdom of God.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

We were born here on the earth as a baby, maybe into a Christian, Hindu or Muslim family.

Jesus says that we are lost and disconnected from God and need to be born of the kingdom of God. He says we are called to be born again of water and the spirit into the kingdom of God.

John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

This means a total transition.

Being born in a Christian home and being christened or sprinkled with water is not the biblical way of faith and baptism.

Jesus Christ showed us the way by total immersion in water.

Baptism means to be totally immersed or underwater.

John 3:5 says “born of water”; what does that mean?

It means repentance and baptism.

Why? Because when Jesus Christ died, water came out of His side.

Baptism is a sign of transition, of being washed in the waters of baptism, having faith and being born into the kingdom of God.

Kingdom of Life

Our Lord Jesus taught us a lot about the kingdom of God and heaven.

Once, He said that the kingdom of God is like leaven, which a woman puts into her bread until it has totally risen.

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

What does this have to do with??? It is not tied in anywhere; why bring it up?

Our Lord wants us to be water baptised so that we are totally washed, our body, soul and spirit. That they totally become alive in the kingdom of God.

In Hinduism, all people are giving money, in different dedications to the different gods. In other religions, this also happens; even through Yoga and other Eastern influences, they say you are cleansed by powers from the kingdom of darkness.

With water baptism, these holds are starting to break for you are taken from the kingdom of darkness and its death, into the kingdom of light and life.

1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Sign of Being Crucified

It is a sign of us being crucified with him so that our body of sin might be destroyed.

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Sign of Dying With Christ

Water baptism is a sign of us dying with Christ.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Sign of Being Buried

It is also a sign that we are buried (body, soul and spirit) with Christ in His grave.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Newness of Life

When we are born of water, which is repentance and dying to self and being baptised in water, we will also be born of the Spirit.

This being born of the Spirit is the spirit life of the kingdom of God.

John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Now we have become citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

Then all that God has in heaven, His life, His Holy Spirit, power and glory, He pours out in us.

Now we walk in the newness of life.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should walk in newness of life.

Through grace, faith and water baptism into this newness of life, we receive righteousness, peace and joy. This is the start of living life more abundantly. Now you really will feel you are alive. Everything will look more beautiful. The sky and ocean will look bluer and the grass greener. The flowers will be more colourful.

Yes, now your life will have more purpose. You can also start to be a witness to others so that they can hear and experience what happened in your life. God can do miracles through you.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Now Act

Now go and act, you can baptise them in water or an evangelist or pastor in Church can do it.
But we are commanded to baptise all new converts, Amen.
Go and harvest.

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